

DURHAM CHRONICLE

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TOWN HALL QUESTION.

The ratepayers of the town of Durham are now called upon to face a serious problem in as much as it involves the expenditure of considerable money. A By-law, the full text of which appears as an advertisement in this issue will be submitted for approval or rejection on the day of the Municipal Election. The voice of the people will be given on the question of erecting a new town hall, and as in all questions where the expenditure of money is involved there will be a difference of opinion.

From a perusal of the By-law it will be seen that the proposed hall is to cost \$7,000, and that Debentures are to be issued extending over a period of twenty years, and to a careful consideration of the question we invite every interested ratepayer.

Up to the present time, we have been very non-committal on the question. We were not sufficiently well informed on the financial condition of the town, and, though we felt the present structure was a disgrace we had a disinclination to advocate anything that would be a burden to the people.

We find that from the last revised assessment roll the value of the rateable property is \$315,419, and that the present debt of the town is \$34,000 nearly. Out of this indebtedness of \$34,000, \$10,000 is a loan to the Furniture Co. and the repayment of \$1,000 a year will, begin in a year or so. Thus it will be seen that the actual debt is only \$24,000, a condition which will compare favorably, we believe, with the financial standing of any other town in Canada, and should act as an incentive to go-ahead citizens to enhance the beauty of the place by the addition of so necessary and so valuable a public asset.

Again it will be seen that the total amount to be levied for principal and interest to wipe out the whole cost at the expiration of twenty years is only \$515.07 per annum. To raise this amount on the present assessed valuation, would require about 1 1/2 mills additional tax. That is providing the present assessment remains stationary and that no revenue come from the Hall, conditions that are not at all to be entertained.

The town has now risen from a state of lethargy. A new life is being developed, and a feeling of rivalry, wholesome rivalry should, if it has not already begun, sprung up in our midst. In other words the place is bound to go ahead like other towns and with the inevitable development of the cement industry we are rapidly outgrowing the condition of things that would serve our needs during the past decade. We are now showing signs of progress, and with the material development of the past few years the outside world is beginning to look upon us as a more progressive people. Visitors and travellers are advertising our actions, as well as the public press, and yet we haven't a public monument deserving of a single commendation.

We are now in the field to advocate a new hall, or any other public improvement consistent with our means as a town, and will stay with the job until we get it. Who to-day among our citizens can point with pride to the old structure, and announce it as the only public hall of the town? There is no such man to be found, and we hope when the returns are in on the 7th day of January next, that the people of the town will be able to look back with pride to the first public record of the 20th Century as giving voice to a spirit of progress by asking the Council to go ahead with a new and suitable Hall.

*** We are still unable to say who the aspirants for the County Commissionership will be in this division, but from current rumor it is likely the present men will have opposition. There seems to be little or no fault found with the administration of Messrs. Brigham and McKinnon, and if experience counts for anything, and we contend it does, there seems to be no good reason why they should not be returned. The office any way not so full of emoluments that any man should break his neck for the sake of all he can get out of it, but of course the honor is there just the same, and the County Commissionership is a good training for a higher position to which, no doubt, many of the more ambitious ones aspire. Messrs. Allan and Schenk will run again, and, as Commissioners, we believe they are both capable men, and, like Messrs. Brigham and McKinnon, they have had the advantage of a wide experience. The nomination day will soon be here and then the public will know whom they are called upon to choose from.

VANDELEUR

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to the Chronicle staff.

The Wesley church people had their reopening services on the 9th and 10th with good success, the total proceeds amounting to \$110.00.

Mr. Robert Buchanan has arrived back home from the North-West. He is, we are informed, not very much struck on that part of her Majesty's Dominion.

Mr. R. Smith had a successful sale of his farm stock and chattles on the 10th. Mr. George Noble, of Markdale, wielded the hammer. Mr. Smith has sold his farm and is going to reside in Markdale.

Municipal politics are very quiet as yet.

Mr. Alf. Dunlap, who spent the past summer working on a farm near Britania, is home again.

The school trustees here have engaged a Miss Bull, of Brampton, for 1901.

Messrs. A. Johnston and W. Hutchison, Jr., were up to the Capital last week on the jury.

A quiet wedding took place at the residence of Mr. James Summers last week when his eldest daughter, Jane, was united in marriage to Mr. Wesley Gibson, of Berkeley.

Accept thanks for a copy of your Christmas premium.

Our present teacher, Miss Hawkins, attended the wedding of Miss Davit, of Epping, last week.

EDGE HILL

Thanks Mr. Editor for the Canadian Annual, which we received last week.

Mrs. John Moffat is visiting friends and relatives in London at present.

Home from O. S. C. I. on Tuesday came Mr. Thos. Firth to spend his Xmas holidays at the old homestead.

Mr. Alex. Jopp is expected home from Owen Sound this week. The people of Edge Hill will be pleased to have Alex. among them again.

Miss Ada Banks left for Toronto last week after spending the summer at home.

Miss Maggie Kenny is spending a few weeks with friends and relatives in Arthur.

Mr. J. W. Firth is expected home this week from Toronto University.

Miss Lizzie Ector has returned home from Greenock. She has been spending a couple of months with her sister, Mrs. Moffat, of that place.

Miss Cora Derby, of Hamilton, is visiting friends on the 4th and 2nd.

It was with much regret that the people of this section learnt that their teacher, Mr. T. W. Collinson, was thinking of leaving them to accept a higher position. During his stay among us, as teacher in our school for the past two years, he has won the esteem of all.

The pie social held in the Grange Hall on Tuesday evening last was a great success. The hall was crowded. A good program was furnished by the young people of this vicinity, aided by Messrs. Ed. McClocklin and Hunter, of Durham. A prize of a library lamp was given to Mrs. Thos. Banks, whose pie sold the highest, and a cup and saucer to the buyer, Mr. Thomas Davis. The social closed at a late hour by the singing of "God Save the Queen." The proceeds, which amounted to \$21, go towards erecting a covering over the Edge Hill scales.

TRAVERTON

Zion's Xmas Tree entertainment on Xmas Eve promises to be a great success.

Mr. Bert. Cook arrived home from Toronto University on Friday last for the holiday fun and Xmas feasting.

A beef ring has been formed in this neighborhood to begin the 2nd week of next Jan. Mr. Thos. Turnbull to be butcher and the slaughtering to take place at Mr. E. Hunt's. All the shares are about taken up.

Quite a number of old neighbors are invited to the Golden Wedding celebration of Mr. and Mrs. John Hunt, in Durham, on Xmas Day.

Sorry to report that Miss B. Dulan had the large bone of her leg broken in two places by the kick of a horse some time ago. She is recruiting fast.

Reports have reached us that Mr. George Furneaux will try for a seat at the council table of 1901. George has a good level head, and is highly respected where known. We hear that the old veteran, Mr. Thos. Sullivan, will be in the fight again. He has proved his worth and popularity more than once. There is some talk of pressure being brought to bear on Mr. W. L. Falkingham, of the Falls, to induce him to become a candidate. He would prove to be a good road-maker.

Any one intending to build should take a look through Mr. Will Cook's stables. The walls are all plastered, the floors laid in cement and the place is well lighted.

A most happy and pretty wedding took place at high noon on Wednesday, Dec. 11th, at the residence of Mr. Tom Glencross, when his eldest sister, Miss Tena, was wedded to Mr. Will Greenwood, Sr., only son of Mr. John Greenwood, of the 6th con. Upwards of fifty near relatives of

the young couple witnessed the ceremony, which took place in the cosy and tastefully decorated parlor. The happy youth is one of our most popular young men, and bears an unsullied reputation. For ten years he has been Sec. and Treas. of Zion Sunday School and ever helpful in any good cause. The winsome bride is noted for her blythe spirit, skill in cookery and taste in home making. As the joyous strains of the Wedding March were played by Miss Millie Cook, of Ceylon, the bridal party took their places, the bride being given away by her brother, and the Rev. Wray R. Smith soon tied the true-lovers knot for all time. The bride carried a shower bouquet of white chrysanthemums and smilax was most becomingly attired. Her peerless sister, Miss Mary, was her bridesmaid, and carried a bouquet of pink carnations and smilax. Mr. John Greenwood, Jr., cousin of the groom, most ably filled the position of best man. Heartfelt wishes and warm congratulations followed, then all repaired to the dining-room where two tables, laden with the most enjoyable edibles and beautifully decorated, were laid. The bridal cake was 'a thing of beauty' and as delicious as it looked. With feasting, music, speech and song, the hours flew by, and then the spirited steeds were quickly coupled to the fancy rigs and amid showers of rice and flying, old slippers the happy couple, followed by a dozen or more gay outfits, merrily set off for Durham, there to take the evening train for Listowel where they will spend a week of the honeymoon. On their return a monster party is to be tendered the youth of the neighborhood. The many presents to the bride are most valuable and useful, and will be life-long mementoes. All unite in wishing them a life of true wedded bliss.

SAYS HE WAS TORTURED.

"I suffered such pain from corns I could hardly walk," writes H. Robinson, Hillsborough, Ills., "but Bucklen's Arnica Salve completely cured them." Acts like magic on sprains, bruises, cuts, sores, scalds, burns, boils, ulcers. Perfect healer of skin diseases and piles. Cure guaranteed by all druggists. 25c. 1m

School Book Changes.

"A Parent," writing to an exchange, speaks as follows of a matter which disturbs a great many other parents: "Behind all the loss and annoyance we find the previous questions: What is the good of all these changes? Has there been some great discovery in Latin, so that a brand new book is a matter of urgency? Has arithmetic made such strides that Dr. Glashan has been left behind, and Mr. Barnes has had to bring the subject up to date? Have the principles of perspective undergone such a revolution that nothing less than a new series of drawing-books will serve the purpose? Can anyone explain what is the real good of all these changes? The public school readers may not be quite perfect, but they have lasted nearly twenty years without change. Are they not just as new to the present generation of scholars as they were to those who first used them? Quite true. It may be that books on geography and chemistry need to be revised now and then, to bring them up to date. But has there been a great revolution in spelling lately? Has the subject been growing under the light of new discoveries? The daily papers have told us nothing; and yet there is the patent spelling-book quietly, noiselessly slipped into the authorized list, and half the parents in the province have had to slip their hands into their pockets accordingly. Why was a new spelling-book necessary at all? No one can predict what will be the next change, but the parents who have to pay for the new books are praying for a little rest.

Christmas Carol.

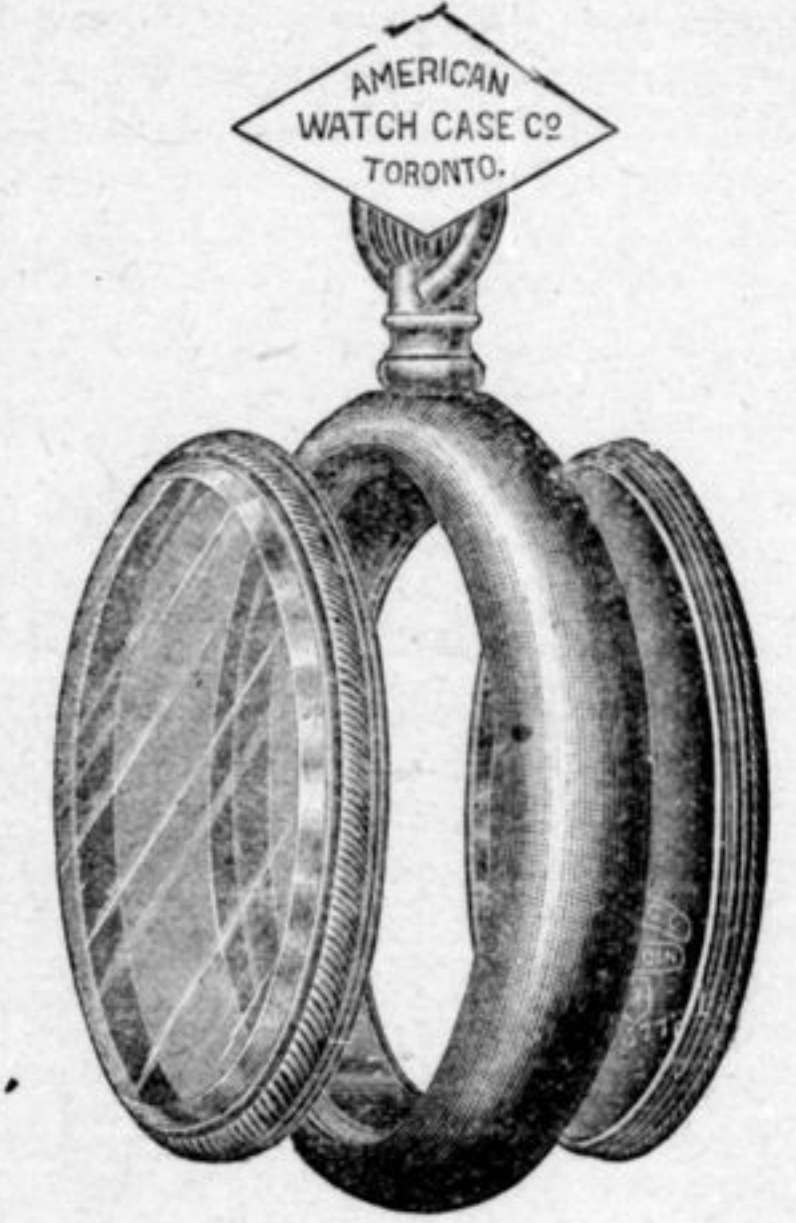
It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old, From angels bending low, To touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, good will to men, From heaven's all-gracious King." The world in solemn stillness lay, To hear the angels sing. Still thro' the cloven skies they come, With peaceful wings unfurled; And still their heavenly music floats O'er all the weary world; Above its sad and lowly plains They bend on hovering wing, And ever o'er its Babel sounds The blessed angels sing. But with the woes of sin and strife The world has suffered long; Beneath the angel-strain have rolled Two thousand years of wrong; And man, at war with man, hears not The love-song which they bring: Oh, hush the noise, ye men of strife, And hear the angels sing. And ye, beneath life's crushing load, Whose forms are bending low, Who toil along the climbing way, With painful steps and slow,— Look now, for glad and golden hours Come swiftly on the wing; Oh, rest beside the weary road, And hear the angels sing. For, lo! the days are hastening on, By prophet bards foretold, When with the ever-circling years Comes round the age of gold: When peace shall cover all the earth Its ancient splendors bring, And the whole world give back the song Which now the angels sing. EDWARD HAMILTON SEARS.

A Veteran's Story.—George Lewis, of Shamokin, Pa., writes: "I am eighty years of age. I have been troubled with Catarrh for fifty years, and in my time have used a great many catarrh cures, but never had any relief until I used Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder. One box cured me completely." 50 cents.—25 Sold by MacFarlane & Co.

After Typhoid

fever, or other almost mortal sickness, a man or woman sometimes will gain a pound a day from taking an ounce a day of SCOTT'S EMULSION and the gain be healthy. The ounce gives strength to get the pound; there is no miracle in it. Body and mind are weak, digestion is weak; and hunger is ravenous. SCOTT'S EMULSION of Cod Liver Oil is the food to begin and go on with. It furnishes strength to digest a little easy other food; and a little grows to enough. But the gain is nearly all fat. The bones had not lost much; the muscles had lost, and had not got back their strength; they have lost their bulk; the fat was all gone. The fat has come back; the muscle slowly recovers its bulk, more slowly its strength—the bulk of muscle was fat—and the bones are about the same as before. It is SCOTT'S EMULSION of Cod Liver Oil that starts the body going again—give it time.

The genuine has this picture on it, take no other. If you have not tried it, send for free sample, its agreeable taste will surprise you. SCOTT & BOWNE Chemists, Toronto. 50c. and \$1.00; all druggists.



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W. A. MacFarlane has a larger stock than ever in the new block. A 20-year gold-filled case, Waltham movement, for \$12, special discount for this month. A large stock of sterling silver, ebony in curler's files, shoe horns, paper knives, salve pots, etc. prices away down. Also a full stock of Clocks, Jewellery, Silverware, watches, at prices from \$2.50 up. Call and see for yourself and get a calendar.

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Suits from \$4.25 to \$15.00. A. 1 goods for the money, and cheaper than you can get them anywhere else.

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Coarse and fine, at rock bottom prices.

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Nov 5 th.

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BRICK HOUSE AND LOT—THE Melligan Property on George Street, one acre of good land in good location, a desirable residence, will be sold on easy terms. Apply to

ED. MILLIGAN, Palmerston, Jan. 17, 1900. or to W. CALDER, Durham.

FARM FOR SALE

LOT NO. 8, CON. 1, N.D.R., Glenelg, containing 50 acres, about 45 acres cleared, well fenced, well watered, good house, bearing orchard, good land and in good state of cultivation, easy terms. For further particulars apply to

DONALD MCCOSKERY 378 King St. West, Toronto, or to ALLAN CAMPBELL, Business Oct. 15—6m pd.

Farm for Sale

BEING Lots No. 11 and 12, Con 1, N. D. R., Glenelg, and 11 and 12, on Con. 2, N. D. R., also 13 and 14, on Con. 3, N. D. R., each lot containing 50 acres, or 300 acres in all, nearly all cleared. Well watered, well fenced, good outbuildings and dwellings, good bearing orchards. In first class state of cultivation, within a few rods of school, 4 miles from Durham. Will be sold in bloc or in separate lots, as purchaser desires. Easy terms. For further particulars apply to

A. C. BEATON, Business P. O.

Nov. 1—1f

Boars for Service.

TWO THOROUGHBRED, CHESTER WHITE; one six months old, and one older, at lot 25, 26 and 27, con. 3, S. D. R., Glenelg. Both took first prize at Priceville. Registered pedigrees may be seen on application.

JOHN ECKHARDT, Business, Nov. 14, 4 m.

Boar for Service.

A THOROUGHBRED BOAR FOR service at Lot 22, Con. 3 E. G. R., Glenelg. Terms 75c. at time of service.

JOHN MACKENZIE, Rocky Saugeen, Nov. 27, 1900. 3 pd.

Strayed

STRAYED from the drove of the undersigned about the middle of October last, a red and white two-year-old steer with two scissor marks on right-hand hip, also a little piece off top of tail.

OWEN HEFFERNAN, Marden P. O.

Heifer Estray.

STRAYED TO THE PREMISES OF E. G. R., Egremont, on or about the first day of November, a red and white heifer, about two years old. The owner may have her by proving property and paying expenses.

JAMES MCILVRIDE, Orchard P. O., Nov. 27th. 4 pd.

How to Grow

50 Bushels—Wheat to the Acre

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He Has Several Very Fine Farms For sale at very low figures and on very easy terms. Farm lands are bound to increase in price and now is the time to buy.

HE ALSO undertakes the collection of Notes and Accounts, and it is a pretty bad claim that he cannot make some money out of no charge for his trouble if not collected.

He Does Fire, Life and Accident Insurance

In first-class Companies and at lowest rates, draws all kinds of writings, arranges business quarrels, effects settlements with creditors, sells Ocean tickets, buys old notes and always has on hand farm and village properties which he is willing to trade or exchange for other property.

Twenty years' experience and residence in the neighborhood counts for something and enables H. H. MILLER to do your business with profit to you as well as to himself.

N. B.—A Special Bargain is offered on Lot 28, Con. 2, W. G. R., Bentinck, 100 acres—Durham six miles—owner gone West and bound to sell.

H. H. MILLER, HANOVER

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Ireland

Christmas

In suggesting giving, it is so what to give a better way than The store is you any time. You more so than to

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Men's Overcoats, all...
Boy's Suits, \$3 to...
Boys' Reefers, \$3 to...
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Men's Lined Mocha...
Men's Silk Quilled...
Neckweir, newest...
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25c to...
Ladies Capelinea...
Ladies' Fur caps...
Ladies' Black an...
Ladies' Wool Glo...
Ladies' Handker...

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5,000 men our Silver received shipment rediculou ity. So have been Meat Car Carpet S Blankets, We have Granite.

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