

GENERAL NEWS.

York N. B. Dominion election will be held Dec. 28th. Ancaster township has a case of small-pox. It is rumored that small-pox has broken out in Ottawa University. The last census gives the population of Quebec 1,645,372. Thirteen cases of small-pox developed at Ottawa in 48 hours. Mr. John Dickenson, M. P. P., is again nominated by the South West-wood Liberals. A schoolhouse costing \$3000 has been erected on Chemong Indian reserve. A Union Church was opened at Duncan, Collingwood and Euphrasia townline, on Sunday, Dec. 1st. Mrs. Martha McKibbin, of Picton, was asphyxiated by gas from a coal stove. In the West Huron by-election Mr. Garrow, Liberal, was returned by nearly 300 majority. The later census returns received at Ottawa, increase the population of Ontario by nearly 12,000. John Hughes had both his eyes blown out in an explosion in the Creighton mine at Sudbury. Philadelphia is 200 years old. On the 25th of October, 1701, Wm. Penn gave the city its charter. T. H. Arkman, of London, Ont., fell from a train and was killed at Fort William. Ottawa police are watching all citizens who drink liquor in licensed houses after hours. A two-year-old daughter of Mrs. Kettley, left alone in a house at Warton, was burned to death. The North Bruce election case was settled at Warton Monday, Mr. Halliday being allowed to retain his seat. Trinity Methodist Church, Berlin, is now free of debt, though two years ago a mortgage of \$4,500 was resting on the congregation. The farmers of the County of Hastings manufactured and sold \$1,500,000 worth of cheese this season. F. H. Clergue has subscribed \$5000 as the stone required to erect an addition to the General Hospital at Sault Ste. Marie. Miss Bessie Blair, fourth daughter of the Minister of Railways, and Mr. H. A. Harper were drowned while skating at Ottawa. Mr. Loy, Liberal M. P. for Beauharnois, has admitted corrupt practices on the part of Agents, rendering that seat vacant. Irish citizens of Montreal have formed a local branch of the United Irish League to help the National movement in Ireland. Chas. Henderson, nominated by Monck Conservatives to oppose Hon. Mr. Harcourt, has retired from the field. Rev. E. T. Carter, formerly Baptist pastor at Mt. Forest, has been appointed State Superintendent of the Baptist Orphanage in Chicago. Judge McTavish's decision upholding the "No blinds" regulation of the Ottawa license commissioners will be appealed. Dr. Clapp, of Mildmay, has been chosen as the standard bearer in the local legislature by the South Bruce Conservatives. Rev. Jas. Preston, superannuated Methodist Clergyman of Brantford, father of T. H. Preston, M. P. P., died at Brantford last week. The Pan-American buildings at Buffalo have been purchased by a Chicago firm for \$92,000. They will remove the material. The population of New York City, Chicago and Philadelphia is nearly one-twentieth of the population of the whole country. A By-law was passed Monday at Southampton granting the S. M. Knechtel Chair Co. a loan of \$7000. 202 voted for the by-law and only 2 voted against it. The last surviving veteran of the American War of 1812 is Hiram Crook, of Oneida County, New York. He is 101 years old. His aunt married Abram Dewey, grandfather of Senator Chauncey Dewey. The cabinet in the case of Laplaine, who was found guilty of murdering Mrs. Lafevre at Montreal, has decided to let the law take its course, and Laplaine will accordingly be hanged on Friday, Dec. 13th. In a public meeting held at Ottawa it was decided to invite subscriptions towards a monument for Mr. H. A. Harper, who was drowned in his attempt to rescue Miss Blair from drowning. At the Convention held in New Hamburg the Conservatives of South Waterloo nominated Mr. W. A. Kribbs, of Hespeler, the present representative as the candidate for provincial honors. The Prince of Wales is to receive an interesting addition to the souvenirs of his tour, being the bark canoe in which he and the princess travelled down the Ottawa River. It is a remarkable craft and said to be one of the most beautiful and luxurious ever built. The craft was made at the expense of the lumbermen of the Ottawa Valley, and it is they who are sending it to his Royal Highness.

I Coughed

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Dundas St. Methodist Church, London, is talking of having a gowned choir. Mr. A. McCallum, bursar of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, is dead. Three persons suffering from small-pox were removed from the Ottawa University. Lord Dufferin, at one time Governor-General of Canada, is seriously ill. Mr. Andrew Carnegie has offered \$10,000,000 to the United States Government for the establishment of a University at Washington for higher education. Leamington suffered from a destructive fire in which five business places were destroyed. The whole business portion of the town was wiped out about seventeen years ago.

The Cut Rate Printer. It seems too bad that such a subject needs to be referred to in the columns of a local paper, but the prevalence of the system amongst unprincipled adventurers to the Fourth Estate forces a word occasionally that may take root in some quarters, and prove a benefit to those who play without thinking what they find to be a losing game. This is the season of the year when local papers endeavor to extend their circulation by clubbing with the large city weeklies. It was only last week we found an insert in one of our local exchanges giving clubbing rates for the ensuing year. The local paper itself was presumably sold at a dollar a year, but in every instance where a clubbing offer was made the price of the two papers combined was so fixed as to leave the local publisher only seventy-five cents or less for his own paper. If the publisher of such a paper considers seventy-five cents a year good value for the paper he published, why in the name of common sense and common honesty did he not say so, and let the person who took his paper alone have the benefit of the twenty-five cents, he was giving in other cases as a bonus to get them to take the Globe, the Mail or the Montreal Star. We have no objection to our readers taking other papers, nor have we any objection to receive subscriptions for the large weeklies, but we must get a dollar for our own local paper, and we must get what the other papers cost us. Every man, of course, has a right to do the best he can by buying in the cheapest market and selling in the dearest. He would be considered foolish to pursue any other course, and we think he would be justly so. Take, for instance, The Family Herald. We must pay 75c. for that paper, and not a number will be sent until the 75c. is received by the publishers. In order, then, to keep our own prices right, we must have \$1.75 for both papers. How about the publisher in question who offers the two for \$1.50? Is he not actually paying 25c. to get an additional subscription to the Family Herald? We haven't a word to say against the Herald, which we look upon as a marvel of cheapness at the price they get, but without hesitation we pronounce it as our opinion that the local publisher who pursues such a course will sooner or later find he is making one of the great blunders of his business career. We are not giving the name of the publisher offering such cut-rate prices, but in fairness to other publishers we may just say he is far enough away to do us no harm, more than to make us feel sad that he should be robbing himself and perhaps not knowing it. The cutting of prices on clubbing with other papers is not the only evil a printer has to contend with. Let us, however, be charitable enough to say that in some cases a foolish bargain may have been made in a moment of weakness. We have, we know, on some occasions done work for less than it was worth, but we have always endeavored not to repeat the error, though we have made it a point always to carry out our contract for the sum stipulated whether we lost by the deal or not. Every man is entitled to a fair honest price for honest work.

Is it Oil or Gas?

CHARTER SECURED FOR AN OIL COMPANY IN DURHAM, COMPANY ORGANIZED.

One industry paves the way for another, and the next one on the tapis is a new scheme to bore for oil or gas. Mr. Charles Layton recently purchased a piece of property from Mr. E. W. Limin. Expert testimony given as the result of careful investigation says there is every indication of oil or gas beneath the property, and so confident is Mr. Layton that he has taken out a charter and operations will be commenced in the very near future. We understand the company has been organized but at time of going to press we are unable to give the Board of Directors. The capitalized stock is \$10,000, divided into a thousand shares of ten dollars each. For some time there has been a suspicion that we are in the oil belt of Western Ontario, and the next few months may unveil a mystery hitherto but little thought of. We hope the scheme may reach a successful development and leave the way clear for something else.

CHURCH NOTES.

TRINITY. Services at Aberdeen Sunday next at 3 p. m. BAPTIST. On Thursday evening last a pleasant gathering assembled at the Baptist Church to do honor to Rev. Mr. McGregor, who, after a pastorate of nearly eight years is severing his connection with the congregation. The choir furnished very appropriate music and a number of short eulogistic speeches expressive of a kindly feeling towards Mr. McGregor whose departure from Durham is a source of much regret. Those who spoke were Principal Allan, Insp. Campbell, Rev's A. Stewart and W. Farquharson, Mayor Calder and Messrs. J. H. Brown, Chas. McArthur, Chas. Ramage and W. Irwin. Dr. Jamieson occupied the chair and at the close of the impromptu program he called upon Mr. McGregor who made a brief but able response. The meeting was closed by singing that well-known hymn "God be with you till we meet Again" METHODIST. The Ladies' Aid 'At Home' on Friday evening at the home of Mrs. E. Burnet was a success socially and financially. The Pastor will take both services next Sabbath, subject in the evening "A New Home and New Environment." The Junior League will meet on Monday at 4:15 p. m. in the basement of the Church. The Rev. Wray R. Smith has been invited to address the Sunday School Teachers of the County of Wellington in Guthrie Presbyterian Church, Harrison, this week. A service for the public reception of new members in the Church will be held at Zion on Sunday at 2:30 p. m. conducted by the Pastor. The Superintendent and his co-workers are spearing no pains in preparing the Entertainment for Santa Claus' visit to Zion on Christmas Eve. PRESBYTERIAN. The Saugeen Presbytery met on Tuesday at Palmerston. The Rev. G. Kendall, Moderator, was conspicuous by his absence. Two weeks ago he left for Old England whence, report has it that he is return doubly blessed. Rev. Dr. Robertson, of the North West, gave a powerful and stirring address on Home Mission and Augmentation. The doctor has been suffering for some time from a sore arm the result of a fall and during the afternoon of Tuesday he again slipped and having no power in his right arm fell hard on his face on the ice, giving him a bad mauling. Notwithstanding these disabilities the doctor gave evidence of all his time wanted vigor and enthusiasm. Messrs. J. Bell and Wm. Young were in attendance at the Presbytery. The friends of Rev. D. L. Campbell, of Drumore, will be glad to learn that his brother Rev. J. L. Campbell, who has been in the hospital in Toronto undergoing a critical operation is so far recovered as to be able to be on the street again. He says he feels better than he has for years. From the Pilot Mound Sentinel we learn that on Aug. 17th the ladies of Pilot Mound met at the residence of Rev. J. Farquharson to congratulate them on the 20th anniversary of their wedding and to celebrate the event by a handsome present, a set of china. Sabbath next is to be a great day in the Presbyterian Church. It is the anniversary of the re-opening of the Church and of all the great events in the history of the congregation. Rev. R. M. Dickie, of Orangeville, is to be present morning and evening. On Monday arrangements have been made for a meeting at which there will be addresses by Rev. R. M. Dickie and the neighboring Ministers. Music will be supplied by the choir and by Mr. Rechab Tandy, of the Conservatory of Music, Toronto. To meet the expenses of the program, which will be considerable there will be an admission fee of fifteen cents, children ten cents. All are cordially invited.

MARKET REPORT.

Table with market prices for various commodities like Fall Wheat, Spring Wheat, Oats, Peas, Barley, Hay, Butter, Eggs, Apples, Potatoes, Flour, Oatmeal, Chop, Dressed Hogs, Hides, Sheepskins, Turkeys, Wool, Beef, Lamb, Tallow, Lard, Dried Apples, Ducks, Geese, Live Hogs.

Farmers' Institute.

The Directors of the South Grey Farmers' Institute met at the Mid-daugh House on Monday last and arranged for holding the usual winter meetings. Nearly all the members were present, and no doubt their united efforts will result in as successful meetings as those held in the past. The regular meetings will be held in Durham and Holstein on January 18th and 20th. At Durham Mr. G. C. Caxton, Craig hust, will speak on "Importance of Succulent food in the feeding of stock," and in the evening upon "The land we live in." Mr. J. E. Meyer, of Kossuth, will give addresses on "Different Varieties of Poultry and their characteristics," and "How I endeavor to utilize every foot of land on my farm." Mrs. Colin Campbell, of Goderich, will speak on "Household economies" and "Home Influence." Supplementary meetings will be held in Drumore, Aytton, Hanover and Elmwood on February 6th, 7th, 8th, and 10th respectively. Mr. D. Drummond, of Myrtle, will address these meetings upon "Dairy Cattle," "Chicken breeding" etc. Mr. J. E. Orr, of Fruitton, will give addresses upon "A few of the common diseases of Fruit Trees, their prevention and remedies," and other fruit subjects. It was also decided to hold a Seed Fair in Durham on the first Tuesday in March, 1902.

A THOUSAND PITIES

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Public Notice.

A VACANCY HAVING OCCURRED in the representation of Division Number Three, of the County of Grey, caused by the resignation of Geo. Ries, Esq.

A PUBLIC MEETING will be held in the Town Hall, Durham, on Monday, the 23rd day of December, at one o'clock p. m., for the purpose of nominating a County Councillor to fill the said vacancy. Dated this 9th day of December, 1901. WM. A. ANDERSON, Nominating Officer.

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