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Local News Items

GATHERED DURING THE PAST WEEK FOR CHRONICLE READERS.

GET your Saws gummed at the Durham Foundry.

SHORT Wood for Sale.—Apply to James Marshall, Middaugh House.—tf

HOUSE and lot for sale.—Apply to Mrs. Thos. Fox.—tf

CUSTOM SAWING.—Robert Smith has purchased a portable mill, and is prepared to do custom sawing at the Durham Foundry.

A Song service will be given in the Baptist Church on Sunday next. The pastor feels grateful for having an able choir to relieve him of his part of the service. No doubt the audience will be equally gratified.

THE Separate School clause in Sir Wilfred Laurier's North-West Autonomy Bill is meeting with much disfavor, even from his own party. The Globe is out against it, and it is said that Hon. Clifford Sifton threatens to resign.

SEVERAL of our young folks assembled at the home of Mrs. Geo. Purvis, Allan Park, on Friday evening last, when a most enjoyable time was spent. Mrs. Purvis proved herself to be a hostess of no small order, and every-one present was highly pleased with the way the program was carried out. Refreshments were served, and the gathering dispersed at an early hour. The roads were in bad condition, and the drive necessarily slow. Happily, there were no upsets, though they say the girls missed the first chance of the season to get fished out of the snow by their attentive escorts.

KEEP OUT! That's what the card on the door of our workshop says, but Tommy Wallace, of Varney, rushed in the other day as though he was chased by somebody. Before our houncer had time to turn around, he had emptied a bag of choice apples on the floor, and left about as unceremoniously as he entered. This is one of Tommy's tricks, and he does it in such a whole-souled manner, that we'll take no action against him this time. We didn't even see him to say "thank you" but we thanked him just the same every time we put our teeth into one of those luscious apples. This is not the first time Mr. Wallace treated us in this way, and if he keeps on much longer we'll soon think it's part of his duty to make calls of this sort.

THE Methodist church at Calgary has put in a telephone system for the benefit of members who are unable to attend church, and the newspaper reports from there pronounce the scheme a great success. For the past five or six years, our Flesherton correspondent, has been similarly served from the Methodist pulpit in his own town, and, twice every Sunday, this thoroughly Christian gentleman listens to two sermons. Those who read his outlines will form some opinion of the earnest attention he gives the Gospel message transmitted over the wire. For fifteen or sixteen years he has been an invalid, and unable to attend church. His joy can only be imagined when kind friends conceived the idea of bringing the church to him, when he was unable to go to the church. The Calgary connections are made with the central, but Mr. Blackburn's line is entirely independent.

The first concert opened by George Fox, playing "Valse Capriceo," by Wieniawski; the encore "Annie Laurie" was played with a wonderful tenderness and delicacy. In the second concert Mr. Fox was still more conspicuous, beginning and ending the program. His first piece a "Duetto" by Leonard, was received with unusual enthusiasm. His response to the encore again held the close packed audience with a silver spell. Mr. Fox last piece "Reverie" by Vieux Temps, was the finest thing heard in this city for many a day. The soft, dreamy gliding of the bow hushed away all other sounds and thoughts, and the voice of the violin had the room to itself. There are times when Mr. Fox seems especially inspired, and this last effort was a good instance. Prolonged and eager applause succeeded in calling once more the popular violinist, whose talent is only equalled by his generosity.—London Free Press, December 1904. Hear him. At the B. Y. P. U. Violin-Piano Recital, on Thursday March 9th, in Town Hall.

HOUSE and lot for sale. Apply to Emerson Kinnee, Durham.

JUST ARRIVED.—A car load of Windsor Salt at Geo. Lawrence's.—tf

FOR SALE.—A span of good young driving mares. Apply to George A. Watson, lots 5 and 6, con. 4, S. D. R., Glenelg.—3pd.

WE regret to learn of the serious illness of Mr. McGrath, son of Mr. M. McGrath of the Central Hotel. Slight hopes are entertained for his recovery.

BARCLAY & BELL have just received their spring shipment of "Tudhope" buggies. They have a few cutters left which will be sold cheap.

WE regret to say that Mrs. Beggs, who has had so much trouble of late, is now down sick herself, but from last report is doing nicely. The two sons, who are also ill, are now on the mend.

AFTER a rest for two or three weeks for repairs, the electric lights were turned on again Tuesday night, and we must congratulate the company on giving us a good light up to midnight. We didn't stay awake to see whether they gave us an all night service or not. When an institution deserves credit we take pleasure in giving it, and we hope the electric light and telephone services will be improvements on the past. We never find fault without just cause.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES McMEEKEN, of Varney, lament the death of their grandson, John Henry, of Shallow Lake, a young lad in his 16th year. Death occurred on the 2nd of February just a few weeks after he removed with his parents from Hepworth Station. Mrs. McMeeken informs us that the neighbors were very kind, and that beautiful wreaths and bouquets were placed on the casket as tokens of respect. Pneumonia was the cause of the boy's death, which relieved him of his pain after three days' illness.

MR. AND MRS. ROBT. HENRY, of Dromore were in town Monday, for the first time in several months. Mr. Henry gave us a call and paid his subscription, after which we indulged in a short talk. We learn that he is now in his seventy-seventh year, but we must confess that he is so well preserved that we would take him for a man at least ten years younger. We came to the mutual agreement, that his youthful appearance must be attributed to the fact that he's a Grit, and a Scotchman. Mrs. Henry, we understand, is about the same age, and is also quite smart. We wish them many years of life and happiness.

ELSEWHERE, we give the Herald's account of the Dundalk school, to which brief reference was made last week. We regret the loss our sister town has sustained, but feel pleased that ere long a new building will replace the one thus destroyed. The school had an attractive outside appearance, and no doubt cost a snug sum of money, but, as regards convenience and arrangement, a more awkwardly laid out school building would be hard to find. It seems to us that it would be well if the citizens would select a more central location for the new school, but this is none of our business, being mere friendly suggestion. We hope to see a good, modern, up-to-date building replace the old one, wherever it may be located.

ON Saturday afternoon, a very serious accident was happily averted. In the home of Mr. Emery Dean, two little children, a boy about seven, and a little girl about five, were left alone in the house. Mr. Dean is a widower, and was engaged at work at the station, and the oldest daughter, a young girl we imagine of twelve or thirteen years of age, was out a few minutes at the skating rink. During her absence the fire got low, and the little folks tried to start it up. In doing so, the boy used the coal oil can, which caught fire and exploded in his hands, the top being blown completely off the can. The little fellows hair and clothes were singed, and the oil ignited the floor, which quickly assumed a very threatening appearance. A gentleman passing the house heard the explosion, saw the children rush out, and smoke issuing from the door. Fortunately, however, the flames were rapidly extinguished with very little loss. The children were more frightened than injured, we are pleased to say, and we think it will be some time before they again resort to a coal oil can to start up a fire.

People We Know

THE GOING AND COMING OF DURHAMITES AND THEIR FRIENDS.

Mrs. J. T. Collyer, of Guelph, spent from Saturday till Tuesday with her mother, Mrs. Eva.

Miss Sophie Rodgers, of Toronto spent a few days last week visiting her cousin, Mrs. N. W. Campbell.

Mrs. Dr. Wolfe is in Owen Sound this week, with her mother, who is poorly.

Mr. Chas. McInnes, of Yeovil, laments the death of a daughter, who died last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Angus McKechnie, of Priceville were among our callers on Tuesday.

Mr. W. H. Keyland, of Priceville, made his annual call Tuesday, and dropped us a dollar.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Brown left on the Wednesday morning train for Toronto.

Mr. Wick Russell, who has been with the Cream Separator Company until recently, has left for Brantford.

Wes. Theobald was up from Mount Forest to see the boys last week.

W. Calder was in Toronto at the annual meeting of the Cement Co. on Tuesday.

Mr. James N. Main and family left this week for Hagersville, where they intend to settle on a fine hundred and fifty acre farm, which they purchased recently right near the town.

WE referred last week to a number of young lads who were charged with stealing money from the till of Mrs. Alex. Beggs. On Friday morning last the four young lads, all under fourteen years, apparently, were brought before Police Magistrate Telford, and pleaded guilty to the charge, viz: the stealing of \$5. Barrister McCaul spoke very forcibly on the extremely bad conduct, and gross insulting demeanor of many of the young people of this town, and uttered a strong protest against the perpetuation of such a sad state of affairs. He pointed out, also, that reports were current, that part of the stolen money was spent for cigarettes, and regretted that a fuller investigation could not have been entered into, to find the parties guilty of violating the law in selling the cigarettes. Mr. Telford let the boys off on suspended sentence on condition that they make full restitution of the money stolen, (\$3.50 of which had already been recovered) and payment of court costs. It isn't necessary for us to withhold the names nor do we think it altogether wise to do so, but we prefer not to publish them on this occasion, trusting that the boys implicated will from now on lead honest and honorable lives. We are sorry to think that Durham is so unfortunate as to have a bunch of youthful thieves.

Take Notice.

WHAT C. L. Grant and J. H. Hunter are the Financial Agents for Dr. Jamieson and John McKechnie, and all accounts for all services in connection with the recent election must be placed in their hands at once.

A. DAVIDSON,
Returning Officer.

They Have Landed . . .

TWO thousand dollars worth of brand new goods bought by us at fifty cents on the dollar—just half what they are worth. Now for the greatest bargains Durham ever put out. Come with the crowd and pick up some of the snaps and carry away big parcels for little money. Here we list some of the goods that will go fast:—

Jardiners, Flower Holders, Shells, Fancy Plates, Pipes, Purses, Hand Bags, Mouth Organs, Razors, Lead Pencils, Envelopes and Pads. Also a lot of Silverware of the best makes and 34 Waltham Watches, all sizes. A lot of Chains, Bracelets, Charms, Lockets, Cuff Links and 103 Solid Gold Rings. We will also put in this sale over 150 Clocks of all sizes and kinds.

R. B. KEELER & SONS

Busy Bargain Store
on the Busy Corner.

Watch our Windows.

Durham Furniture Co.

Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting of the Durham Furniture Company was held on Friday night last, when a goodly number of stock-holders were present to listen to the Auditor's Report, and the discussion therefrom.

We always feel an interest in this industry, regarding it as the first enterprise that really woke up the town, after it lay for a quarter of a century or more in a state of lethargy. Before the building of the Durham Furniture Factory about five or six years ago, the town seemed flooded with idle men and idle boys. Work in the factory gave them employment and though the wages paid during the first year or so were not very high, the habits of thrift and industry inculcated into our boys were of incalculable benefit. Other industries followed in fairly quick succession, as every citizen knows, and to day, the person who is constantly idle, is idle from choice, rather than from necessity. The greater part of each year, there is work enough for all, and there's little or no necessity for the "hard times" cry.

The books of the company were carefully audited, we are told, by Messrs. McIntosh and Koch, two gentlemen residents of the town, both graduates of Commercial Colleges, and both teachers at one time in Commercial Schools. At the meeting on Friday night Mr. McIntosh was present, and the ready, clear way in which he answered all questions, gave evidence of his thorough grasp of the year's work.

Mr. Calder, who claimed to be one of the largest, if not the largest stock holder, started in as though he intended to find some fault, and to do some kicking, but the Directors and Auditors were able to meet him at every turn, and we think the explanations given were satisfactory to all, even including Mr. Calder himself.

Mr. Laidlaw was there, too, and aired himself about the repayment of the town loan. The fact of there being very little appreciation being shown his remarks, ought to satisfy an ordinary individual that he wasn't popular in his oration. We are told that Mr. Laidlaw has not a dollar's worth of stock in the company, and if this be true, he had no right to be present at the meeting, much less right to take part in the discussion. We are not going to say, whether or not, we differ from the views he expressed, but we deny the right of an outsider to interfere in matters of corporations where they don't belong.

The meeting was nicely conducted, and everything passed off without friction. There was a slight hitch, however, when it came to the election of officers, but, in time this difficulty was set aside, by the voluntary resignation of Mr. A. W. H. Lauder, to make room for Mr. Calder, who was apparently anxious to be on the Board. The remaining members of the Board are the same as last year, viz.: Dr. Jamieson, N. McIntyre, J. W. Crawford, Geo. Sparling. These, with Mr. Calder, constitute the present Directorate.

With a few items from the Auditor's Report, we must conclude.

The total assets of the company, including factory, machinery, tools, real estate, lot, personal accounts payable, unpaid stock, and cash in bank, is shown to be \$64018.61.

The liabilities, including loan from town, interest on loan, personal accounts payable, bills and notes payable, and bank accommodation come to \$30605.58.

The difference between assets and liabilities shows the balance to share holders, which amounts to \$33413.00.

The Inventory shows on hand
Manufactured goods, \$15480.50.
Factory sundries, \$19946.55.
Total, \$35427.05.

The total sales of furniture during the year was \$50194.82.

The net profit for the year, \$3138.34.

We have been asked if it is allowable in this country to have insults thrown at you as you go along the street. In answer, we may say that we make no pretensions to any great amount of legal knowledge, but we think that common sense would condemn the practice as objectionable. The persons charged are only children and in that case we recommend a good spanking as a preventive.

Spring Goods.



New Spring Goods
Arriving Daily. . .

3 large shipments
just to hand. . . .

\$1100.00 worth new Gingham, Prints, Vic Lawn, Shirting, Cottonade, Flannelettes and Dress Goods. \$350.00 worth new Spring Ribbons and Millinery Goods. \$500.00 worth Men's and Boys' new Spring Clothing.

SPECIAL BARGAINS in odd lots of Boots, Shoes and Rubbers.
SPECIAL BARGAINS in Ladies' Mantles and odd dark Top Skirts.

Call and get your choice of new
and up-to-date DRY GOODS.

S. F. MORLOCK

CASH AND ONE PRICE.

The . .
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Clearing Sale!

To make room for Spring Goods we must
move what we have on our shelves. To
do this we are offering

GENUINE INDUCEMENTS
during the next THIRTY DAYS.

LADIES' MANTLES are now going at cost.
We have a few COATS left which must be cleared out.
WRAPPERETTES, reg. 10c and 12c go at 8c.

EVERYTHING REDUCED.

J. & J. HUNTER

THE BUSY STORE ON THE BUSY CORNER.