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## LOCAL ITEMS

**GIRL wanted for office work.**—Apply Drawer 24, Durham.

**OWEN SOUND council**, by a vote of 7 to 2, decided to submit a local option by-law.

**HOUSE TO RENT.**—A desirable brick dwelling house of 6 rooms. Apply at this office. 11-16ft

**LOST.**—At the Pie Social at Rocky Saugeen twenty dollars. Reward at this office.—1 pd.

For a good black Galloway robe see T. Smith. He has some good ones at right prices.—3 pd.

We regret to learn that Mr. James Redford who has been ill for the past year or so is not gaining in health or strength.

We are pleased to see Mr. W. H. Arrowsmith quite smart after undergoing an operation in Ferguson some weeks ago for appendicitis.

The mail from Chatsworth arrives here now at 6 p. m. instead of 9 p. m. as formerly. The stage connects with the train going north and leaves Chatsworth shortly after one o'clock.

The Rev. T. Colling's subjects on Sabbath next in the Methodist Church will at 11 a. m. be "Divine Sufficiency for every Earthly Need." At 7:00 p. m. "Our Indebtedness to God—How paid."

**Ross Murdered.**

It has been learned that Ross and his wife, the former Mr. and Mrs. Philip Ross, were robbed and August and their son recovered up the crime. Ross received are that murdered man and saloon near Kerrysville from Seattle large lumbering disbursements in the habit lumbermen's cheques of accommodation, for he kept a large sum on him. On the night he was known to have the premises, and it is thought it was entered and while he stood behind that his wife was the rooms in rear of the murderers then to cover up their face being in a lonely place was not discovered day, when he found remains in the ruins, he been working on the the murder and a offered for information the murderers to be far it appears to be a mystery. The murderer well known here, a visitor at his uncle's residence in High River, his residence in his parents and relief grief stricken over tragely.—Chatsworth

On Friday evening last at the Rocky school house a successful pie and box social was held. Several from town attended and helped to swell the receipts, eat the good things and listen to the program. Several good recitations, dialogues and musical selections were rendered, but owing to the poor order could not be properly appreciated. Receipts, \$55.80.

The Durham Furniture Co. advertises in this issue for logs of all kinds. They have a mill of their own, and as they can cut lumber of sizes and lengths to suit their requirements in the Factory they are prepared to give good prices for logs that one can scarcely call merchantable. The lumber trade at present is a little dull but the Company is in the market to buy logs nevertheless.

We had a short call Tuesday from Mr. Robt. Aljoe, sr., who that day reached the age of eighty years. For a man of his years he is quite smart, notwithstanding the fact of a prolonged sickness from paralysis a year or so ago. We congratulate Mr. Aljoe on reaching the four score mark and much as we would like to see his life prolonged, we can scarcely expect the old gentleman to survive many more birthdays.

## PERSONAL

Miss Sarah Collier left last week for Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

Mrs. E. Black was the guest of Mrs. Petrie, of Holstein, from Saturday till Monday.

Mrs. J. C. Nichol returned this week from a visit of more than a year in Manitoba and the North-west.

Miss Daisy Blackburn left Saturday morning for Buffalo where she will reside for some time with her sister.

Mr. A. P. Landy, of the C. P. R. survey party, who camped near town last summer, was in town on business last week. While here, he renewed many pleasant acquaintances.

Mr. and Mrs. Saunders, of Brantford, spent a few days visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Wilson, of Edge Hill. They returned home Saturday morning.

Miss Maude Caldwell arrived home Monday evening from Buffalo where she graduated as a trained nurse. Before leaving the city the hospital authorities tendered her a reception.

**CHRISTMAS candy just arrived.**—Mrs. Beggs.

**ARTHUR H. JACKSON**, Durham, has been appointed an Issuer of Marriage Licenses. 11-16-4c

**EVANGELIST Minnis**, of Kingsville, is holding special services at Varney and will continue them for a couple of weeks.

A BREAK of some kind in the electric light plant left the Methodists in darkness Monday night till a number of coal oil lamps were provided.

The residence of Dr. Jamieson has been rendered more comfortable by the installation of a Pease furnace by which the whole building is heated with hot water.

**PASTOR NEWTON** being away last Sunday was not able to carry out his program as noted. However, next Sunday evening the subject will be "Woman's Weapons."

We are pleased to learn that Mrs. Brooker has returned safe from the hospital in Stratford where she recently underwent an operation for the removal of a tumor.

It is a pleasure to report progress at the Durham Furniture Factory which has just booked a large order of furniture for Scotland. They are going in now for a good grade of furniture.

A PETITION containing 225 names favorable to local option and a counter petition containing 296 against it caused the Meaford council to decide against its submission by a vote of 4-3.

**EVANGELISTIC services** are now being carried on in Varney. Great interest and good success attends this far. Evangelist A. Minnis ably preaches and sings the gospel. Services will continue another week. All cordially invited.

**ARTEMESIA COUNCIL** has refused by the casting vote of Reeve Boyd to give the electors of the township a chance to vote for local option. The people in general may reconcile themselves to the fact that temperance sentiment is growing and a councillor who turns them down stands but little chance of their support.

The huntsmen, consisting of Alex. McLaughlan, W. Calder, Walter Brown, Jake Kress and Robt. McCracken, returned from Muskoka where they spent a fortnight in pursuit of the antlered monarch. They didn't have as good luck as hunters of former years. They brought home six deer.

A MEETING of the ratepayers is called on Monday night next to discuss the question of a loan to Charter Smith & Sons who purpose extending their business here so as to embrace the manufacture of gas and gasoline engines, school seats and threshing machines. A full attendance is cordially invited in order that Mr. Smith may lay his schemes clearly before the electors.

**PERSONAL**

Mr. Thos. Swallow was in Mt. Forest on Wednesday.

Mrs. Geo. Watt is visiting her daughter in Ferguson.

Mr. Will Livingston, of Flesherton, spent Sunday with friends in town.

Miss Gordon, of the teaching staff, was in Ferguson on Saturday.

Rev. Mr. Stephenson, of Varney Circuit, was in Flesherton from Saturday till Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bailey, of Hanover, spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Caton, here.

Dr. Macdonald, who left here some weeks ago, and made a prospecting trip to the North-west, has evidently come to the conclusion that Ontario is good enough for him, and has settled in St. Catharines where he is now practising. During the two or three years the Doctor was in Durham, he made many friends by his kindly disposition and skilful practice. We wish him and Mrs. Macdonald an abundance of success in their new home.

## IS THERE A NIGGER IN THE FENCE?

### Durham Stockholders of the National Portland Cement Company Thoroughly Roused over the High-Handed Action of the Directors.

### A Challenge to the Board of Directors to Allow Publication of Resolutions.

The cement question has become an all-absorbing topic and stockholders throughout the Province, as well as the citizens of Durham and vicinity, are deeply interested in the outcome of the action instituted some time ago by the majority of the Directors. Every week we have enquires regarding the movement and from the general feeling of the stockholders we know that the Durham cement industry is a question of great importance to the 1,800 shareholders scattered over the length and breadth of this Province.

It is not our business to conceal anything. On the other hand it is our desire to reveal the truth of the situation just as far as we can lay hold of it. In this particular crisis, when we don't feel certain that everything is just right, it seems our bounden duty to investigate the circumstances and reveal to the shareholders the true condition we can of how things are going, by so doing use our best efforts to safeguard the interests of the men and women who put their money into the concern in good faith believing they would some day soon get a return on the investment.

In order to make the matter plain to many who are not fully posted on the subject we may have to repeat many things that were previously said in this. To those who have not had an opportunity of reading our previous articles we make no apology for so doing; to those who follow us from week to week, we simply ask their indulgence. Our object is to get the proper information into the minds of stockholders in order that they vote intelligently on a great question which involves a straight outlay of their money of \$750,000.

In giving the information we are acting in opposition to the wishes of some of the company who more than once on previous occasions brought us to task for making statements to the public that they considered should not have been revealed. It was not the public's business, they sometimes maintained, and the less the shareholders knew about the working of the concern the better it would be. We confess here that we have yielded on some occasions to remain silent on the points that were of real concern to every man who has a dollar invested. We confess that we did wrong in being tied in any way from giving at all times the truth as we saw it, and the "whole truth" when we felt it was necessary that the shareholders should know. It has even come to our hearing that certain persons had said we had "no business" making such and such statements.

Now when it comes to a matter of dictating to us what is our business, and what is not our business, in the running of this paper we make a decided protest against any such unwarrantable interference, and more than that we will act in strict conformity with our own judgment as to what we shall publish and what we shall conceal from the readers of our paper. If the company and the management are doing the right thing they have nothing to conceal; if they are not doing right, it is our business then to demand an explanation, and no reasonable corporation should hesitate for a moment in giving all the facts to shareholders. There should be perfect harmony between the company and the stockholders, and any effort on the part of either to clog the wheels of progress is a detriment to all.

The mill was built here three or four years ago. It was capitalized at a million dollars of which one-fourth, or \$250,000, was appropriated by the promoters. This was looked upon at the time as a huge swindle, and a vigorous protest was made by the citizens of Durham and vicinity. The matter was explained by Mr. Cowham, and the matter was allowed to stand. We had \$750,000 to work upon, but this money had to be raised. Stock was floated, and for a time let us say the

25 per cent. of water didn't help it very much in floating. Ultimately, however, the construction work went on, and in due time we had in Durham what we believe to be one of the best, if not the best, marl cement mill on the continent of America. Of course we mean for capacity, which was to be 1000 barrels a day, and let us say right here that this summer we have averaged more than that amount for some months. The mill was in debt when it was completed, and this had to be paid off out of the earnings. This liability together with inexperience of workmen, breakage of machinery, destruction by lightning and other causes made the mill a profitless concern for the first two years of its running existence, and when no dividends were forthcoming the stock went down to about 16c on the dollar. This year everything was in order and from the very first turn of the wheels in April last up to the present time, the mill has been a money-maker.

Let us illustrate. At the beginning of the season there was a bonded debt of \$127,000 against the mill besides the company owed the bank \$13,000 for borrowed money, borrowed to pay expenses of salaried officers and other claims during the period the mill was not operating. This made in round numbers \$140,000 of an actual, visible, pressing obligation to be met by the company. Even the most hopeful of us felt that the debt would never be discharged, and a not uncommon opinion was that the Company would be forced to go into liquidation at a very early period. Such was not the case however, and at the present time, the bonded debt is reduced to \$30,000 and the other bank debt has been wholly wiped out. Besides the payment of this large indebtedness which totals up \$110,000 the company has paid interest on the bonded indebtedness an amount reaching nearly \$7,000.

Now in the face of this prosperity the Board of Directors, with the exception of Mr. McKechnie, have a resolution on the books to move the mill elsewhere. Mr. McLaren, M. P. of Stratford, has been ill during the summer and is living at Banff. Consequently he was not present at the meetings of the Board and did not vote on the question of removal. We understand he is opposed to any such action and will use his influence against it. Why the members of the Board of Directors should come to any such decision regarding the moving of the plant is a puzzle to everybody. The only plea they offer is a scarcity of material. Some of the officials have gone out but couldn't find any, and notwithstanding the efforts of Mr. McKechnie to convince them to the contrary they were deaf to his entreaties.

The Town Council had to take the matter up and sent out a company to make borings and investigate the matter with such results that every one here is more than ever convinced that we have within easy access of the works a sufficient quantity of the raw material of excellent quality to keep the mill running for generations to come. The excuse of there being a scarcity of raw material is now thoroughly exploded in the views of all, and all in the immediate vicinity of the works are more than ever curious to find out what kind of nigger is in the fence.

It is scarcely necessary to say anything about the new explorers for marl being refused the use of the Company's augur to make their borings, more than to prove with a reasonable degree of showing that the present management and present controlling Board of Directors were not in harmony with the Town Council in promoting their investigations, and were apparently anxious to conceal the fact of there being plenty of marl in the neighborhood of the works.

The discontent felt by the members of the Council and Committee here at such refusal being made on the part of the Company is now acting as a boom-erang, and from a resolution sent in by Secretary Ehrhardt and published in this issue they are evidently endeavoring to right themselves up in the eyes

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