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LOCAL ITEMS

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CAT LOST.—Gray and white cat, with torn ear. Suitable reward, at this office.

A SALE of magazines, for 1906 will be held in the Public Library on Saturday night next. John Clark, Auctioneer.

A CANTATA in the Baptist Church, in the interests of the Sunday School will be given on Friday evening Dec. 22nd. Admission 10c.

THE Model School Final Examination is going on this week. The ten regular students writing for third class, certificates and seven teachers are writing for renewals at this centre.

MR. Mielhhausen began business in the Middaugh House on Monday last, and Mr. Davis and family left Wednesday. The latter gentleman was hunting round the fore part of the week to find out what he owed declaring his anxiety to square up with everybody before he left the town.

Mrs. Burt, a resident of this town for many years died last week and the remains were interred last Sunday in the Durham Cemetery. She leaves a family of four or five sons, all moulders most of them having served their apprenticeship in the premises now occupied by the Durham Foundry. Mr. Alex Burt, of Toronto, was present at the funeral.

A LARGE congregation was present at the funeral services of the late Mr. J. Reid held in the Methodist church on Sabbath last. The Canadian Order of Foresters were present in large numbers to pay farewell tribute to their deceased brother. An appropriate sermon was preached by the Pastor, Rev. T. Colling, in which was described the excellent characteristics of the life of the departed and the triumphs of Divine Grace manifested during his affliction and also at the solemn hour of his departure. The theme of the sermon was "We Shall Know each other in Heaven," founded on the text I Thess. 2: 19-20; "For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming? For ye are our glory and joy."

They Didn't Get There.

"Trouble never comes singly," and "It never rains but it pours," are sayings of centuries ago, and it is remarkable how well they fit in, in these strictly modern times—at least occasionally.

One of our young hashfuls, accompanied by the modest and handsome young lady of his choice, decided he would take in the Pie and Box Social at the Township Hall on Friday evening last, and with a well filled basket (we are told it contained a good sized duck and other delicacies, but cannot vouch for it) trundled bravely forth. Starting eastward out of town, and heading for the hall, the roads became mixed, and the first thing that was sighted was Caldwell's livery barn. Trying once more, this time taking the trip via Upper Town, no better success was met with and the couple came nearly running into McGowan's mill. At this second mishap they decided there was no such place as the Township Hall, and after a very pleasant drive, returned home, leaving (we are told) the box on the table. Now the mystery is "where did the contents of that box go?" No one seems to know but suspicion rests on a young couple who returned rather late from the same party, and who were probably very hungry. Truly, this is an age of mysteries and queer doings.

Card of Thanks.

The members of the Varney L. O. L. 639 wish to convey their sincere thanks to Mrs. J. M. Hunter, of Durham, for the beautiful pictures presented by her to decorate our Lodge Room with, and also for the very liberal donation of \$25.00 (twenty-five dollars) to be applied on a new banner.

A motion to the above effect was unanimously carried and placed upon the Lodge Books.

Signed in behalf of the Lodge. J. W. BLYTH, Master.

PURE Manitoba Flour, \$2.40 per cwt at Mrs. Beggs.

CHRISTMAS confectionery, and bonbons, just arrived at Mrs. Beggs.

MCGREGOR'S fine confectionery, dainty boxes at Parker's Drug Store.

FOR a good black Galloway robe, see T. Smith. He has some good ones at right prices. 12/7/11.

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

ANYBODY buying five dollars worth of goods at S. Scott's between now and New Year's will get one pound of best tea thrown in as a present.

THE Glenelg Baptists, are going to have their annual tea-meeting and Christmas-tree on Wed., Dec. 20th. Admission, adults, 25c., children 15c.—pd.

EVANGELISTIC Services will be continued on Sunday next, morning and evening, conducted by Evangelist Minnis. Everybody welcome.

THE annual Christmas Tree of Varney Methodist Church will be held on Christmas night. A No. 1 program is being provided. Admission 10 and 15 cents.

THE Christmas entertainment of Ebenezer Church will be held on Thursday Dec. 21st. An extensive and interesting program is being prepared. A very enjoyable time is expected. All welcome. Admission, Adults 15 cents, Children 10 cents.—2c.

DON'T forget the Varney Methodist Church Entertainment on Christmas night, Dec. 25th. Great preparations are being made for an excellent program. You remember the enjoyable time you had last year. Come again. All welcome. Adults 15 cents, children 10 cents.—2pd.

Mrs. Christopher Williams, Edge Hill was a caller at our office Monday and renewed the two subscriptions she has kept up for many years past. We regret to learn that the old lady is not so well as she used to be, but she still retains her strict honesty of character.

MR. JAMES REDFORD, who has been ill for more than a year passed away this Wednesday morning. We have known him for a number of years, as a teacher and as book-keeper with the Furniture Co., and his life was of an exemplary character. He leaves a widow and one child. Interment will take place on Friday, December 15th, in the Durham cemetery.

THE Town Council spent considerable time last week in discussing the advisability of making a ten thousand dollar loan to Mr. Charter Smith. A public meeting held previous to our last issue by a resolution expressing a desire to assist Mr. Smith in the granting of the loan asked. Last week we were unable to give fuller particulars than to simply mention that the question was to be re-submitted to a meeting of the ratepayers. A meeting was held on Thursday night of last week and a resolution of the ratepayers present gave sanction to the Council to submit, the by-law. Two or three subsequent sessions of that body were held and through conflicting opinions the submission of the By-law was shelved for a time. Under the circumstances it seems to us that the Council should have acted in response to the wish of a properly constituted and legally called meeting of the ratepayers. Their action is likely to drive Mr. Smith away from the town as he has an offer elsewhere that is quite as good as the offer he wished this town to vote on.

STOCKHOLDERS WANT AN HONEST VERDICT

But They Could Not Expect It From a Friend of the Officials, Who Have Already Made Pronouncement.—Tests to be Made By a Canadian Mill Expert.

We are not given to patriotic howling, but things have come to such a pass that it is high time for every loyal citizen to cry out against the way our Cement Works are being conducted.

We have an institution here that cost the country a round million of hard earned cash. It is all Canadian capital. Some of it represents the total accumulation of years of industry and thrift, some of it the careful savings of the poor sewing girl, or the widowed mother. Some of it is, no doubt, the careful savings of a father, left in death to keep his widow and orphan family from a state of distress. All were anxious that the money they had by them should go to the best use and go where it would earn the most. From such sources in Canada came the money to build the National Portland Cement Mill, and we must say that the roseate representations of the promotion period led us all astray, and we have been all alike disappointed.

We have thus briefly pointed out some of the sources from which the money came. Let us now point out where it is going to.—The management of the whole business is evidently under the control of three or four Americans who have little or no monetary interest in it and are getting big salaries for the services they are rendering.

Superintendent Farr has one share of stock and draws a salary of \$2350 a year. Rain or shine, success or failure his pay must come. Secretary Ehrhardt gets a salary of \$1800 a year for superintending the office work, while he has a staff of five or six assistants to do the bulk of the work. Ludlow the chemist is paid for his work to the tune of \$1500 a year, and has also assistants to relieve him of the task of making the analyses. Far be it from us to find fault with any concern for paying good salaries for good services, but in the cases quoted all are Americans and they are the ones who get the cream of the earnings. The salaries were not nearly so high at first and as a big increase was made we would like to know when and how the salaries were raised to the present figures. The assistants in the office are, we believe, not overpaid, that is provided they have the work to keep them busy, but we doubt very much if it requires the total force to keep the accounts of the Company as they should be. It must require a very elaborate system of book-keeping to occupy a dozen or more hands in the office work alone. Will some stockholder give us an idea who raised the salaries and who delegated to the three Americans the sole control of the mill and the dictatorial power they exercise over the Directors and over the stockholders as well.

The fact of the matter is, the stockholders are not considered of any account. They have furnished the money and the other fellows are using it as they see fit. They do not think it necessary to give an account of their stewardship. We say again it is high time for a change and we urge the men and women who put their money into the business to vote for their own best interests and place the mill under control of men who feel their responsibility as servants of the Company and who dare not assume to controvert the whole concern.

It will now be seen that we are inclined to place the greater portion of blame on the Superintendent, the Secretary and the Chemist first, and on the present board of directors next. The majority of the Board on Monday night of last week, felt extremely anxious to express their full confidence in the three gentlemen referred to, notwithstanding the profane character of an address made by one of the trio.

We said something with regard to big salaries, and that the extreme salaries were paid to Americans. They get the choice jobs, but when it comes to shovelling coal, bagging cement, wheeling clay or any dirty work the Canadian Laborer has a chance for a job.

The question of marl supply was to be left to an independent investigation. The directors and the bosses thought Mr. De Lano would be the

right man, the town thought otherwise and named Mr. Hassen and another cement expert from a Canadian mill. These men were objected to, and choice was made of a man from the Osborne Engineering Company. This was not objected to at first and messages were wired by Secretary Ehrhardt asking that Mr. Lake, of Cleveland be sent. The charges were to be \$25 a day and expenses from the time he left till the time of his report. Now it turns out that Mr. Lake is a personal friend of Mr. Ehrhardt and of Mr. Farr, the leading officials. Under such circumstances the verdict will assuredly be against us in pronouncing the marl of no commercial value, the best warranty of the distinguished trio, who are determined to take away the plant. \$25.00 a day and expenses, paid out of the pockets of the shareholders to give a confirmation of the verdict already given is too much of an insult according to our way of thinking to be swallowed by the long-suffering stockholders of the National Portland Cement Company, and, moreover, we believe they will go to the annual meeting determined to vote out the whole bunch and place the mill in other hands. Such gross impertinence on the part of two or three Canadians would soon be dealt with on the other side of the line and no sensible man could find fault with the action of bouncing them from the position.

A little comparison may not be amiss:—

In the largest rock cement mill in Canada the superintendent gets \$1500 a year. The head chemist gets \$1200 and the total cost of the laboratory is less than \$2000.

The largest marl mill in Canada pays the Superintendent \$1500 a year and the total expenses of the laboratory are less than \$2000. In the next largest cement mill the salaries are on a par with the above and the laboratory costs less than \$2000 while in the office department the business costs including book-keeping less than \$2000. The output of the above mills is equal to and in excess of ours and are all on a dividend paying basis. It may be stated further that the marl mills are all laboring under disadvantages inasmuch as they are not provided with such modern equipment. The marl mill operators are all open to confess that the National is the most modern in Canada in every particular.

One of the largest shareholders of one of the above marl mills makes the statement to one of our stockholders that this mill carefully managed should never pay less than ten per cent. dividend, at current prices which are much below what prices used to be.

In other mills there is no difficulty in securing coal. The officials of the Company do not have to be on the run every week or so hunting for fuel to keep themselves in operation. This entails a heavy loss to the shareholders most of which should find its way into the pockets of those who furnish the money to put it into existence, but the official bosses would rather use it in making regular periodical picnic excursions to Pittsburg and elsewhere.

To show again the unreasonableness and extravagance of the directors we may refer to the fanatical determination of the Board to get the Cleveland expert at \$25.00 a day and expenses. To their shame, let it be said, they would listen to no proposal to give the work to a Canadian citizen. To defeat the concerted determination of the Board and bosses, a worthy citizen of this town brought pressure to bear on the Council to administer the Alien Labor Law and in spite of a determined opposition by the Board the point was carried, and a thorough cement engineer and chemist was secured at a much lower rate of wages. This is the way all through, and the money of the stockholders is needlessly spent in high priced men who may happen in some way to be on the right side of the bosses.

There is still another instance in the case of Mr. Harmon who is engaged

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