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NEWS AROUND TOWN

TRIPS and poles wanted for C. P. R. For particulars see J. N. Murdock, Durham.

New subscriptions to the end of 1908 only one dollar for Chronicle and Mail and Empire.

BARGAINS in all winter goods also in new prints, mill ends.—The House of Quality—H. H. Mockler.

ANOTHER lot of "Maltese Cross" Rubbers direct from the factory just arrived at Entricken and Sewell's, Peel's old stand.

WE learn that Mr. Wes Storrey is improving rapidly at Fergus hospital after his recent operation which was very serious.

OWING to injury to the engine, the train due here at 8.50 Tuesday night did not arrive till nearly 3 o'clock on Wednesday morning.

APART from a notice of Mr. Peter Watson's death, copied from Friday's Globe, we have no information. It's only a year or so since he left here, and the announcement was quite a surprise to citizens of the town.

A NEW up-to-date rink will be built during the coming summer by Mr. Joseph A. Brown. We have not yet seen the plans, but they will be submitted for approval as soon as they're ready.

SOME one left a pair of driving mitts at this office the other day, but as we don't accept presents, and haven't a horse anyway, he can have them by proving his property and taking the things out of our road.

THE Northern Development and Mining Co., of Detroit have a gang of men boring for oil near Meaford. The Meaford Mirror says the prospect of striking oil has already a wonderful effect on the price of coal oil, some of the merchants offering it at greatly reduced rates. The reduction hasn't reached Durham yet.

AN interesting meeting was held on Monday evening last by the young people of the Methodist Epworth League, who were guests at the parsonage. A good program of sports and amusements, as well as a sumptuous supper furnished the bill of fare which brought joy and gladness to the hearts and stomachs of all who were in attendance.

WE learn somewhat indirectly that Mr. J. A. Glass, manager and clutter for Mr. J. L. Flarity is about to resign his position, but we hope he is not going to leave town. Mr. Glass has had considerable experience and evidently knows the business in which he has taken so much interest. First-class men in any line of business are not picked up every day, and we hope Mr. Glass will think before he acts. We are not aware, however, that he intends to leave town.

MR. W. H. SPEARS gave a moving picture show here on Friday night last. The attendance was fairly good, the instrument was good and the pictures were well thrown on the screen. The machine was one of the steadiest we have seen, and there is little or none of the flickering so often witnessed. A full explanation of the different scenes would add to the interest of the entertainment, but Mr. Spears is modest and avoids public speaking. The Counterfeiters and Kathleen Maourneen were good numbers.

CONSTABLE CARSON has in his possession a walking stick that has connected with it perhaps the most unique history of anything of its kind in the country. The stick, which is made of black oak, is part of the timbers of an old-time salt water ship, the "Beaver" which was wrecked in the unlucky thirteenth year of its existence in the Juan de Fuca straits, in the year 1836, after making a tempestuous voyage around the "Horn" from the old country. It was presented to Mr. Carson by his son, W. G. Carson, Chief of Police at Vancouver, B. C., and is in a perfect state of preservation, despite the fact that at least eighty-five years have rolled by since it stood in its native element in the forest of—*who knows where?* Needless to say, with such a history, the old octogenarian is considered by Mr. Carson as one of his most priceless possessions.

TENDERS wanted for the purchase of school lands. See ad. on page 2.

REEVE Saunders is in Owen Sound at the meeting of the County Council.

LADIES in need of society cards can be supplied with the correct thing at the CHRONICLE office.

THE Maids and Matrons of Durham have invitations out for a social evening in the Town Hall, on the 4th of February.

THE tender of the C. P. R. engine got off the track and blocked traffic on Garafraxa street on Friday evening last. It took an hour or so to get it on again.

MR. GEO. RYAN Sr. of this town received a telegram last Thursday announcing the serious illness of his son Thomas, in Saskatoon hospital. He is suffering from hemorrhage of the lungs.

THE Middaugh House bears a good reputation. Guests are always treated with courtesy; bed and board is first class, and the reading room is furnished with THE CHRONICLE and all other leading Canadian papers.

WE have ten extra nice ladies' coats which were only passed into stock last November. To clear them out we offer this week 20% discount. This is an opportunity not to be missed.—The House of Quality.—H. H. Mockler.

THE Mt. Forest curlers failed to show up on Tuesday to play a return match with the local team. The bad condition of the roads, which are almost impassible, is responsible, and the match has been postponed until a future date.

ONE of the new houses recently erected by the late George Sparling has been purchased by Mr. W. A. Glass. We congratulate our young friend on his enterprise, and we are glad to know he is making good use of his time and money.

MR. ROBERT BIRMINGHAM, Grand Organizer of the Grand Lodge, L.O.L. for Ontario West, will address meetings as follows:—Varney, Friday Jan. 31 Durham, Saturday February 1, Allan Park, Monday February 3, at 8 o'clock each evening. All invited.

A CONCERT and Box Social will be held in Welbeck school, Bentinck, on the evening of Friday, Feb. 7th. An excellent program is being prepared. Doors open at 7 o'clock. Admission, 15c.; ladies bringing boxes, free. Reeve Wilson will occupy the chair.—1302pd.

FRIENDS of Mr. Stephen H. Ludlow, will regret to learn of his death which occurred about the 16th of January at his home at Sandusky. Kidney trouble is reported as the cause. He was chemist at the Cement Works here for some time and is well known in town.

THE Anniversary services of the Baptist church will be held on Sunday February 9th. Rev. Edgar Allan, of Wingham will conduct the services morning and evening and will deliver a lecture on the following night Monday Feb. 10th. Further particulars will be given later.

MRS. SPARLING wishes us to convey the sincere thanks of herself and family to the friends in Durham who showed such kindness during the illness of her late husband, also to the brethren of the Independent Order of Foresters, the Knights of the Macca-bees, the members of the Town Council and the Directors and Employees of the Furniture Company, who did so much to alleviate the sorrows incident to her sad bereavement.

MR. R. H. COWLEY, M.A., of Toronto, inspector of Continuation Classes, paid his official visit to the school here on Monday and Tuesday. All matters pertaining to the efficiency of the school and to the equipment as required by Departmental Regulations were examined. As to the efficiency everything was found satisfactory, but to get the highest provided by the Regulations some additional equipment must be provided. With the school fully equipped it will be eligible to receive an annual fixed grant ranging from \$1000 to \$1200. With such a prospect, the trustee board should lose no time getting up an equipment to suit the taste of the government.

PRESBYTERIANS REJOICE.

The usual congratulatory handshaking over another successful year of congregational work, financial and otherwise, was done in the Presbyterian church last Monday afternoon and evening. The business meeting was held in the afternoon and the usual social tea and the inevitable "few words" from some of the members of the congregation and an appreciative address from the Rev. Mr. Bice all materialized in the evening. Considering the blustering winter weather both meetings were largely attended, thus showing a deep and continued interest in the work of the church by many of the members and adherents. A neatly printed booklet containing the reports of the various organizations and societies by means of which the active work of the church finds expression, was submitted at the business meeting and each report in turn, on account of the excellent showing, received the unqualified endorsement and commendation of the meeting. It was felt during the year, that owing to the stringency in the financial world that there might be some danger of deficits in the accounts here and there, but without exception every branch of the church work came out with a comfortable balance on the right side. The Manse fund, when the cash in hand for the purpose is paid over, will be considerably reduced and from this time forward will not be regarded as a serious encumbrance.

On account of the invasion and consequent delinquency of the church property by the Canadian Pacific Railway, the funds of the church were increased by some \$400, which the congregation unanimously voted should be set aside for the purpose of providing at an early date a pipe organ for the church. This is a move in the right direction, for the present organ has served its day and generation faithfully, and it is time it was given a more humble position according to its diminishing capacity.

The pastor, the managers, and all secretaries and officers no less than the whole body of the members may be congratulated on the excellent showing. It is a sure index of peace and harmony and progress and an indication of better things to come.

In the evening some of the excellent household qualities of the ladies came prominently to the front. Everybody was pleased, everybody sang the praises of the music, the musicians, the waiters, the cooks and especially the diners. To the young men needing wives the excellence of the cooking was a prime recommendation for the young ladies. Doubtless the pastor will be kept busy tying knots and receiving handsome fees for the service during the year. It is to be hoped so. Nothing so much proves that people love one another. That is desirable.

It is gratifying to note that the contributions for missions are larger than ever before in the history of the congregation, except when special donations were made.

The total amount collected for all purposes was \$2882.01 of which \$412.00 was for missions. Nothing shows the heart of a church better than its liberality to the cause of missions.

The retiring managers were Messrs Ramage, Derby and Kerr. Mr. Kerr after three years of faithful service wished to retire and Mr. McIlraith was appointed in his place. The other two were re-appointed for the next three years, a grateful testimony to their faithfulness and popularity.

Heartly votes of thanks were offered to the choir, the ushers, no, the usher for one man very kindly and very efficiently discharged that duty most of the year. The business concluded, the benediction by the pastor especially brought about an adjournment to the more material comforts of its basement.

Rev. Mr. Bice gave a very kindly and humorous address during the evening which greatly added to the enjoyment of the gathering. No wonder, for he was a happy man. For the cause of his genial smile and exuberant flow of soul see elsewhere in this paper. It was a boy.

BORN.
BICE—On Friday, January 24th, to Rev. and Mrs. Bice, a son.

DIED.
WATSON—On Wednesday evening, Jan. 22nd, 1908, at his residence, 7 Emerson Ave., city, Peter Watson, late of Durham, Ont., in his 54th year. Funeral Monday Jan. 27th, at 2 p. m. from above address to Mt. Pleasant cemetery.—Globe.

Notice to Delinquents.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—

During the summer and fall we published a series of notices to delinquent subscribers asking for payment of arrears at one dollar a year or \$1.50 if we should be obliged to place accounts in other hands for collection. We met with a generous response, over \$700 being paid in. We thank all who attended to our request, but there is still a large amount of our money lying round the country and we must have it. We have placed a few of our accounts in other hands, as some of our readers will soon learn. Others will go in about the first week in February if not previously settled. It costs us money to collect and we would honestly prefer a dollar a year paid direct to us rather than a dollar and a half through our collectors. If those who have not already paid will send us a dollar a year for arrears and a dollar for 1908 we will accept it from all whose accounts are not in the collector's hands. You may save money by remitting to-day.

W. IRWIN, Publisher.

PERSONAL

Mr. Will MacKay is home after a holiday with friends in Teeswater.

Mrs. Burns-Lauder visited friends in Guelph and Mt. Forest last week.

Mr. James Warmington is visiting friends in Drayton and Orangeville.

Mr. Frank Warner is visiting his mother, Mrs. B. F. Warner.

Mr. J. P. Telford was in Toronto on Saturday last.

Mrs. Bice of Ailsa Craig, is visiting her son Rev. A. A. Bice at the rectory.

Mrs. McKay of Ripley, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. (Rev.) A. A. Bice.

Miss Annie Ireland, nurse in training at Brantford, is home for a holiday.

Mr. Thos. Moffat, of Owen Sound, was a caller at this office on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. W. J. Norris and two children of Meridian, Sask., is visiting her brother Mr. A. Duncan.

Mr. James Bell of Oakville, Man., is visiting his aunt Mrs. McFadden and other friends in town and country.

Mr. Henry Storrey was in Fergus the fore part of the week to see his son Wesley who is recovering from an operation.

Mr. Gilbert McKechnie is suffering from an attack of LaGrippe. He was forced to go to bed on Monday last, and his case is reported quite serious.

Mr. E. A. C. Pew, the chief promoter of the Electric Railway through here a few years ago died recently in Toronto. Some of our citizens will remember him well especially those who paid up their subscriptions, and got promises of watered stock.

Patriotic Concert.

Under the auspices of the Durham Public School, Rev. W. J. Spence, Lecturer, assisted by F. A. Webster, Soloist, will deliver a patriotic address in the Town Hall, on Friday, Feb. 7th, illustrated throughout by lime light views, together with several patriotic songs. The program will consist of such selections as "The Development of the British Navy", "Crimean War", "Indian Mutiny", Coronation of King Edward", etc. in all, over two hundred colored and hand painted views. An admission fee of 15c. for adults and 10c for children will be charged. See large posters and handbills for particulars.

DIVIDEND NO. 3

Notice is hereby given that a dividend at the rate of five per cent, per annum upon the paid up capital stock of the National Portland Cement Company, Limited, has been declared for the year ending December 31st, 1907, and that the same will be payable at the Head Office of the Company on and after the 10th day of February, 1908, to all shareholders on record on that date.

The Transfer books will be closed from the 25th day of January to the 8th day of February, 1908, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board.

R. H. McWILLIAMS,
President and Managing Director.

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Our stock of ready-to-wear clothing is well assorted, including a very large range of Men's and Boys' Overcoats made from fine Black and Grey English Beaver and Milton Cloths. Fine Imported Tweeds in a great variety of patterns, Grey Freize Ulsters and Reefers. Men's & Boys' Suits of Worsted and Tweed.

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We are clearing all odd lines of Men's and Boys' Suits at very Big Reductions. In this lot is a number of Men's Double-Breasted suits and Children's two-piece suits that go at cost.

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