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## NEWS AROUND TOWN

Maid wanted.—Apply to Mrs. Thomas Haskins.

Try Rexall Cherry Cough Syrup. Fully guaranteed at Macfarlanes'. Buy your Valentines at The Central Drug Store.

Dr. Jamieson replies to the address from the Throne this week at the Legislature, in Toronto.

Lost.—A gold seal off a watch chain, highly valued because of its associations. Finder will be amply rewarded by returning it to N. McIntyre, Durham.

A social, under the auspices of the Methodist church, will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Catton, on Friday evening, February 9th. Admission 10c.

Remember the Methodist church social at Mr. Catton's to-morrow. Friday evening. Good program and refreshments. Admission 10c.

Wanted.—A middle aged woman to do light housework for a family of two. A good home to suitable person. Apply to Mrs. P. Eva, Bruce Street, Durham.

The Royal English Hand Bell Ringers, under the direction of C. Bradley, will give a concert in the Town Hall, Durham, February the 29th. Plan will be open at at Gun's Drug store, Saturday the 17th of February.

The Epworth Leaguers of Durham spent an enjoyable evening on Monday February 5th. The meeting was well attended and the roll-call promptly answered. The topic was ably rendered by Miss Bryon.

On Sunday night last, the musical program in the Methodist church was quite out of the ordinary. Only gentlemen took part in the singing, and the organ was ably handled by Mr. J. N. Robinson, chemist at the cement works, who is evidently quite a musical expert.

The electric power was turned on at the furniture factory on Thursday last. As yet, only six or seven motors are in operation. The company also use their own power for lighting purposes during working hours, switching on to the town service during the night.

Mr. B. H. Willis is putting in a large selected stock of imported English wallpaper, in the Calder Block, next door to the post office. Persons thinking of papering their houses, will do well to see his stock before they make further arrangements. He will be pleased to call at your house with his samples at any time.

One of the pioneers of Grey county passed away at her home in Egremont, on Thursday of last week in the person of Mrs. Harriet Wilson. The late Mrs. Wilson, with her husband, George Wilson, who predeceased her about 27 years ago, settled in this county about sixty years ago. She was a native of Devonshire, England, and possessed a strong physical constitution which enabled her to endure all the hardships of pioneer life, and those contingent with the raising of a large family. She was 95 years of age at death. Burial took place on Saturday last in Trinity cemetery, the Rev. W. H. Hartley conducting the service. Three sons and a daughter in Michigan survive.

It is now freely admitted that the Walkerton Business College is one of the High-Class and most popular Business Schools of Ontario. Owing to it being a link in a chain of seven high-grade Schools and being affiliated with the Commercial Educators' Association of Canada, its graduates enjoy a prestige which gives them the best positions available. Thousands of young people who cannot attend in person learn while they earn through our Home-Study Department. Others study at home for a time and then finish at the College in a month or two. Any young person who is desirous of success in life should write to the Walkerton Business College, Walkerton, Ontario, for particulars.

Take a look at your label.

Don't miss the Hand Bell Ringers. Town Hall, February 29th.

Cow for sale, due in April.—Geo. Arrowsmith.

Rexall Cold Tablets break up a cold quickly. At Macfarlanes'.

Valentines, Fancy and Comic, and Valentine Post-cards, all kinds at The Central Drug Store.

The groundhog saw his shadow on Friday, so it's six weeks' more of winter.

The Epworth League of Durham is preparing to have a valentine social on Tuesday evening, February 13th. Everybody come and have a good time. Admission 10c.

The next horse fair will be held here on Thursday, February 15th. This institution is now well and favorably known, and needs only the announcement. Thursday of next week is the day.

Remember the Epworth Meeting, Monday evening, February 12th. This will be a special Missionary meeting and an enjoyable time is assured, but come out and judge for yourselves.

Remember the Valentine Social in the Methodist Church, Tuesday evening, February the 13th. Refreshments will be served. Everybody come and bring friends. Admission 10 cents. Doors open at 7.30 p. m.

Two car loads of damaged grain will arrive at the Durham station of a good quality and will be distributed Thursday of this week. This is a snap for parties wanting cheap feed. Prices lower than anything previously offered.—W. Calder.

Mrs. Wm. Black, who has been in bed for over ten weeks owing to falling on the sidewalk and fracturing her hip, went to Toronto last Friday on a stretcher for further treatment. Before leaving she wished to extend her sincere thanks to the citizens of Durham for their numerous acts of kindness to her while she was compelled to remain in bed at her home.

On Monday of this week the remains of Wm. E. Matthews were laid to rest in Barbour's cemetery. The death of this fine young man has cast a gloom over the neighborhood. He was 32 years of age, the third son of Mr. James Matthews, of Egremont. For several years he has been in the West and at the time of his death was brakeman on the C. N. R. between Saskatoon and Prince Albert, and was killed accidentally, on his run on the 29th of January. No facts of the sad affair are to hand as yet. The bereaved family have the sincere sympathy of the community.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Collyer, of Guelph, and their son, Mr. Bert E. Collyer, and Mrs. Collyer, of Chicago, were in town from Saturday till Monday afternoon. The chief object of the brief visit was to see Mrs. Phillip Eva, the aged mother of Mrs. Collyer, sr., who is getting quite old and infirm, and in consequence the visitors took rooms at the Hahn House during their stay. Right here we take the liberty to say the two gentlemen spoke in unqualified terms of praise regarding the excellent accommodation furnished, which was equal to, and in many cases better than the city hotels. We felt somewhat flattered to have the visitors, except Mrs. Collyer, sr., make a bee line for the Chronicle office before going elsewhere, after making their hotel arrangements. The younger Mr. Collyer spent some years in the Klondyke, where he made considerable money. He now holds a controlling interest in a news service bureau in Chicago, and is now doing well, financially and otherwise. He was born in Durham, and enjoys coming back to the old town. It seems to us, too, that he has a liking for the Chronicle office, and we enjoy his calls. He was married about four months ago, but has since undergone a severe operation for appendicitis, from which he is just recovering, and during his convalescence he is finishing the deferred honeymoon.

## S. L. M. LUKE IS DEAD.

The passing on Monday last, at Grey County House of Refuge, in Markdale, of the above well-known character removes a rare specimen of humanity. Possessing superior mental faculties, excellent education, a physical constitution far above the average, and with undaunted energy he began life with bright hopes and prospects for a useful and successful career. He established a newspaper in Durham over 50 years ago, "The Durham Standard." Luke was a clever writer and energetic newsgatherer, but the drink habit became master and for over thirty years he has been a slave to the passion: Taking orders for fruit trees and pruning orchards has been his principal occupation for a quarter of a century and during inclement weather he must have endured untold misery and suffering, though without a murmur. On the 15th of January he was brought in a famished condition to "The Home," where nourishment was given, warmth afforded, medical aid called in and restoratives given, which gave temporary relief, but the "iron" constitution which had stood the severe strain so long had become exhausted, and with the weight of years, age 79, S. L. M. Luke passed away. His eventful life would make an interesting volume, but the story sad. What a warning! Interment took place on Tuesday in Markdale Public Cemetery.—Standard.

Mr. John S. Black, the veteran Clerk of Glenelg township, who is in his 76th year and still ably performing the onerous duties of his office, dropped into our sanctum on Tuesday and in speaking of the late Mr. Luke informed us that the first time he saw deceased was in 1856, fifty-six years ago, and says Mr. Black, "You wouldn't guess what he was doing. He was going from house to house with a petition getting signers against the manufacture and sale of spirituous and fermented liquors." He was then a total abstainer.—Markdale Standard.

We really regret to learn of the death of S. L. M. Luke, one of the best-known men in Durham and vicinity where he lived for over fifty years.

In 1857 on the 19th of this month, there appeared from a little office and a very primitive newspaper plant, the first paper ever issued in the town of Durham, and if we mistake not the only paper then issued in the County outside the town of Owen Sound, the publisher, the editor, the proprietor, and, we presume also the type-setter, general manager and chore boy of the establishment was S. L. M. Luke. He was then a young man of twenty-four years of age, and to assume such a task in those early days, he must have been a young man of energy, hope and determination. He was indeed possessed of all these characteristics. He was always energetic, always hopeful, and his determination in many ways became a vice rather than a virtue. On making his start in life by issuing the Durham "Standard," he was, we learn, a man of good habits, but his ungoverned, and, shall we say ungovernable will, led him away from the paths of rectitude, and after a chequered newspaper career of about ten years, the paper was suspended, through very sorrowful circumstances, and however we might wish to forget this sad chapter in Mr. Luke's life, he never again regained his former and we believe his natural manhood.

Apart from his bad temper we never did believe that Mr. Luke was a bad man at heart. We don't believe so yet, and our reason for the faith we entertained for twenty years or more has been intensified by private and semi-private interviews with the deceased.

A few years ago Mr. Luke took us into his confidence sufficiently far to say that he had hidden secrets that would never be revealed till after his death. At the same he promised us an autobiography of himself to be published in the Chronicle, but not until after his death. This he said, would show to the world the cause of his failure, and be a revelation to many who condemn him for his conduct.

With tears in his eyes he protested his innocence in the Barnes' case, but in forceful language, and just as full of vigor, he declared his determination at the time to despatch the offender.

Poor Luke! his was a life of hardship, and during many years, nearly fifty years, he has, we believe, been carrying a secret burden of sorrow of which no man ever learned to the full. The autobiography was never furnished, the secrets, whatever they may be, are forever sealed from the world. What we say regarding the deceased we say in as charitable a spirit as possible, and we say it largely because of the belief, that he desired to reveal from his own pen the real cause of his own failure in life.

Mr. Luke had many friends; few of the older inhabitants of the town for surrounding townships would deny him hospitality. They did not like his habits, but their sorrow for his misfortune caused a feeling of pity in the hearts of many who have long known him.

## HYMENEAL

CAMERON—McGRATH.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Michael McGrath, the genial host and hostess of the Central Hotel, was the scene of a very pretty, but quiet wedding, when their youngest daughter, Helen E., was united in the sacred bonds of matrimony to Mr. Allan Cameron, of Durham.

The ceremony was performed by their parish priest, Rev. Father Ferguson, of Markdale, in the presence of many relatives and friends.

The bride was beautifully attired in a dress of brown mousseline satin, trimmed with brown silk net over cream satin, wearing a brown beaver hat with ostrich plume, and carried a bouquet of white carnations and maiden-hair fern. Her bridesmaid, Miss E. M. McAuliffe, was becomingly dressed in cream silk, and carried a bouquet of pink carnations and maiden-hair fern.

The groom was ably assisted by Mr. R. J. McMillan, of Palmerston.

The groom's gift to the bride was a beautiful crescent brooch, set with pearls; to the bridesmaid, a pretty brooch set with brilliants; and to the groomsmen, a stick pin set with pearls.

Punctually at nine o'clock, the happy couple passed up the aisle of the church, to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march, played by Miss Irene McPhee, niece of the bride.

Immediately after the marriage ceremony was performed, and congratulations were extended, the newly wedded couple and guests returned to the home of the bride's father, where all sat down to a dainty wedding breakfast, served by the bride's cousins, Misses Effie and Katie McMillan, in the dining room, which was appropriately decorated with evergreens and American beauties.

After breakfast, the guests were entertained by song and story as well as an appropriate address by Father Ferguson.

The afternoon adventuring were spent in music, games and dancing.

The young couple were the recipients of many costly presents, among which was a cheque for twenty-five dollars from the bride's father. They will reside in Durham.

## LAST CHANCE FOR FREE LAND

A reservation of fertile valley land is now open in Mexico. Homesteads free. Only requirement is to have 5 acres of bananas planted within 5 years. An authorized company will plant the bananas and market them on shares. Your share should bring \$200 per acre annually. The Jantha Plantation Co., Block 2209, Pittsburg, Pa., U.S.A., distribute Mexican land in the U.S. and Canada. Write for particulars. You need not go to Mexico.

The council met Monday night.

If some people were to rise from their graves, and read the epitaphs on their headstones, they would think they crawled out of the wrong hole.

## New Spring Goods



Snow on the Ground  
but Spring in the Store

WE ANNOUNCE with pleasure the daily arrival of New Spring Goods, including a wonderful assortment of Dress Goods, Prints, Gingham, Cottons, Laces, and Embroideries, and we are really glad to show them to you, even though you have no immediate intentions of buying. The patterns and styles are so attractive,—the qualities are so good, and the prices so reasonable, that we know you will come again to buy.

### New Embroideries and Laces

have arrived just in time for your spring sewing, Exquisite effects in Valenciennes, and the popular Torchons,—wonderful values in embroideries. 1912 promises to be a banner year in this line of goods.

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Men's Fur and Fur-Lined Coats, regular \$22, \$35 and \$52, for \$17.79, \$27.00 and \$46.89

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## J. & J. HUNTER