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## NEWS AROUND TOWN

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For spring eave-troughing, call and get quotations from N. H. Starnall.

Shelburne will celebrate Victoria Day with horse-racing, foot-racing, lacrosse, and other games.

Specials for Easter in Spirella corsets.—Mrs. J. C. Nichol, the representative, Durham.

Mr. Allan McKinnon is able to be around, after being laid up four weeks from a broken wrist.

Mr. H. McCrae gave an interesting address on "Christ's attitude to the poor," at the Epworth League meeting, Monday evening, March 25th.

Remember the Epworth League meeting Monday evening, April 1st. Special program is being prepared for this meeting. Keep the date in mind.

The results of the Saskatchewan Law Examination, held in February in Regina, show that Mr. R. J. Reid, son of Mr. W. K. Reid, of this town, was eminently successful in taking highest standing in the First Intermediate examination.

Mr. John McDonald, up town, is quite ill at present, being threatened with appendicitis. We sincerely hope that no such misfortune shall befall him. Sickness, even of a milder nature, is a great burden to a laboring man.

Mr. George Stinson, of Hartney, Manitoba, in renewing his subscription, says: "We are always glad to get the Chronicle to see how things are going in the old town. We had a very successful year last year, but are preparing for a better one this year."

For the past three weeks, we have been treated to about "sten columns in the Toronto papers about "The Beauty of Kitty Gordon." If Kitty can live up to her press notices, she's certainly some looker, and we may run down and take a squint.

Mr. James Carson returned on Friday night from Saskatoon, and will take up his residence here for a time, at least. Mr. Carson is greatly taken up with the west, and, speaking of weather conditions, says that this winter is the first one he ever really enjoyed. Outside of the storm of last November, the vicinity of Saskatoon has been practically free from any serious weather disturbances, and the winter, taken altogether, a most pleasant one.

The action of the Minister of Labor, in ordering that the Grand Trunk Railway must live up to its agreement with its employees, is to be commended. When the Grand Trunk strike was settled a few months ago, the company were ordered to take back all strikers in 90 days' time. Some strikers have not yet been taken back, and until they are, it is not likely that the Government will listen to the company's proposal to cut the wages of its employees on April 1st.

The opening day of spring, March 21st, came with a howl and a blow, and was about as stormy as any we have experienced this winter. The afternoon, though, turned out fine, and also the two succeeding days, with the result that the old-time crowd was in town on Saturday doing business. Durham, for a place of its size, boasts of about as big crowds as any other town in this part of the country, though the extremely cold weather and bad roads of the past winter, has kept the people close to home, except in cases of real necessity. With the opening up of the roads, and milder weather, the big crowds of farmers, and others, who visit the place, must mean that Durham is a pretty good place to come to, whether you want to buy, or sell.

Rexall Hypophosphites will build you up Try it. At Macfarlane's.

Easter cards, booklets and novelties, at the Central Drug Store.

Servant wanted—Apply to Mrs. T. Haskins, Durham.

Wanted.—Housekeeper, as soon as possible. Apply to George Yiirs, Durham.

Buy your garden, field and flower seeds at the Central Drug Store.

New silks just to hand. New dress goods to arrive this week. At Grant's.

The financial year for Trinity church ends with March 31st. The annual Easter vestry and business meeting of all Anglican churches is usually held on Easter Monday

Meaford bird fanciers are puzzled over a disease which is taking off their best fowl, in hurricane fashion. One bird man lost 80 out of 100 birds in one week. The disease is a mystery

There will be service in Trinity church on Good Friday, at 7 p.m., when the Rev. W. H. Hartley will take for his subject "Our Lord's last word from His Cross" The offering is for mission work among the Jews

Omaha, Nebraska, has a woman railroad contractor, the only one in the United States. Her gang is always engaged for months ahead, and is at present constructing an electric interurban line between Kansas City and St. Joseph, Missouri.

The April meeting of the Durham branch of the Women's Institute, will be held at the home of Mrs. C. Ritchie, Glenelg, on April 4th, at 2 p.m. Papers will be read on "The girls' and boys' bedroom," "Cleanliness of home surroundings," and "Building brains" Question drawer

Mayor Black shipped on Monday to St. Catharines his pure white gelding, "Seafoam," which he sold over the telephone. The purchaser never saw the horse till after he paid for him, and is perfectly satisfied with the transaction. Mr. Black has made several similar sales to the same party.

Miss Miller, an employee at the Hahn House, ran a piece of glass into her hand eight or ten days ago. Blood-poisoning resulted from the accident, and the young woman has been suffering much pain. We are pleased to know she is now on the mend. She is a daughter of Mrs. Harry Miller, who lately moved to town from Bentinck.

Inspector Campbell has a new auto-cycle ready for the early spring, and his auto-car will be here shortly. With the auto-cycle and auto-car he auto-get over his work in good shape this year. We congratulate Mr. Campbell on his good fortune, and would just barely hint that the auto-take the poor editor out for a joy ride some time during the summer.

On Wednesday morning of last week, the residence of Mr. James Wilson, about seven miles north of here, on the Garafraxa road, was totally destroyed by fire, together with most of the contents. We have received no particulars, but are told the fire started from the chimney. The house was a log one, and was situated on the west side of the Garafraxa road, three miles this side of Dornoch. Mr. Wilson feels grateful to neighbors who rendered valuable assistance, in helping to save some of his household effects.

Spring is nigh. If you doubt it, a glimpse at the sporting pages of any Toronto journal will convince you. Down in Macon, Georgia, the Toronto baseball team is on its spring training trip, and, as per usual, the way they're rounding into form is something marvellous. If reports be true, the International League may just as well hand Toronto that 1912 championship, without further fuss. Ditto for Rochester, Montreal, Providence, Jersey City, Buffalo, Baltimore and Newark—according to the sporting editors.

On Tuesday of this week, Dr. D. B. Jamieson accepted the Captaincy of the local volunteer company, in the place of Capt. Snider, resigned.

Though the roads the past winter were not very good for teaming, the furniture company have, however, a large quantity of logs ready for the spring cut, but not so many as in some previous years.

The horse fair on Thursday last was not so successful as on some former occasions. The stormy condition of the weather, and the almost impassable condition of the roads, are the chief reasons.

The Frost & Wood Agency here is now looked after by Mr. T. N. Walpole, who has already taken possession, and is ready for business at the old Frost & Wood stand on Garafraxa street.

We regret to report the serious condition of Master Joe Whitechurch, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Whitechurch, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia the past week. Last reports, however, give the fond parents hope, and we understand he stands good chance of recovery.

Mr. Robt. Macfarlane has purchased a new automobile, which is expected here in a few days. Mr. Catton, Mr. Moriack, and Inspector Campbell have also ordered machines. If the four new machines and three green drivers start out at the same time, it will be necessary to give notice for pedestrians to stay in the back yards for a day or two.

Flesherton is now an incorporated village, and legislation has been provided in the interest of the temperance people on their separation from the township. The village of Artemesia constituted one municipality when local option was carried some years ago on a straight 50 per cent. vote. Many feared that the village, if separated, might make an effort to return to license, and as a protection it was enacted that such return could be made only under existing three-fifths requirement. It is fairly safe to predict that never again will intoxicants be sold legally in the village.

The "prophets" are again at work. From Port Arthur comes the report that the ice on Lake Superior is breaking up, and the early opening of navigation is prophesied. From Sault Ste Marie another report states that the ice in the St. Marys River is heavier than in twenty years, and there the sages predict that navigation will not open till some time in May. A report from Sarnia says that the ice on Lake Huron is about to break up, but when it starts to move down stream, the great quantity, added to which, of course, is the ice from Superior, will take some time before the lake is clear enough for navigation. Still another report from Lake Erie says that teaming across the ice from the main land to Pelee Island is still safe for a couple of weeks. The question is still in order: When will navigation open—late or early?

While the English coal strike may not have been all that could be desired, from a consumer's standpoint, still it should have a good effect in other ways. Before the strike was in progress a week, French, German, Italian, and all other European merchant boats were either tied up, or running on slow speed. The railroads of those countries, too, were seriously handicapped for fuel, and if the strike continues another fortnight, it is difficult to tell just what the results will be. If the coal strike alone will tie up commerce in practically all of Europe, it will certainly act just as effectively on the fighting craft of the European nations. From present indications, all the British Government would have to do in the event of war with Germany, or any other of those countries, would be to cease exporting coal, and back her navy up against the mines to protect them. While the strike of the coal miners, has, as yet, been only a hardship, still, it may be the means of making Germany "stop a little" before she tries to put one over on John Bull. To date, John has, apparently, the better hand.

Miss Islay Campbell is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Wm. Campbell, and her aunt, Mrs. John Henderson, at Port Elgin.

The annual meeting of the Ontario Educational Association, meets in Toronto on Tuesday next, and will last for three days, as usual. Inspector Campbell has two papers to present.

The last round of Mr. Geo. Finney, as milkman, was made on Monday, and on Tuesday our new distributor, Mr. T. G. Lauder took over the business. Mr. Finney had a successful auction sale on Tuesday, and disposed of his entire dairy herd and farm effects. We have no intimation as to what his future business intentions are, but believe he intends remaining in town.

Arthur Edge tried to climb one of the Alpine decorations in front of R. Burnett's store, with a horse and cutter, on Tuesday, and upset on the sidewalk. The horse tried to leave the scene, but was persuaded to remain until the cutter was righted. Snow banks on the back streets are bad enough, but we think the council should try to keep the main streets clear enough to allow people to get into the business places without having to stop in the middle of the road, or else upset on the sidewalk.

The big car ferry, Bessemer, which plies between Port Stanley and Conneaut, Ohio, got into her berth at Port Stanley on Friday, and unloaded a cargo of coal. The first part of last January, she was caught in the ice, a mile out, and could not be moved till last week, when dynamite was used. She will endeavor to make Conneaut, and will have to break through two-foot ice for more than a mile.

Mr. Elmer McKechnie, who, for the past couple of years has been engaged with J. & J. Hunter, severed his connection with that firm on Saturday night, and leaves shortly for Hamilton, where he has accepted a position with Mr. J.P. Whelan, formerly of this place. Mr. McKechnie, besides being a first-class clerk, is also a window trimmer, and for the past two years has made the J. & J. Hunter window one of the most attractive in town. We understand this will be one of his duties in his new situation, and feel safe in predicting that he will make good in Hamilton, as he made good here.

Petitions are being circulated in regard to a site for the new post-office. In one that was signed in favor of a site north of the river at the corner of George and Garafraxa streets, we learn that misrepresentations were made in order to get signatures. Some signed the petition in question, because they were led to believe that nothing would be accepted by the Government but a corner lot, and that the choice on Garafraxa street lay between the site north of the bridge, and the lot at the corner of Garafraxa and Saddler streets. Now this is not true. The Government prefers a corner lot, and should a suitable corner not be available, their next preference is for a centrally located site of seventy feet frontage. We understand the Government does not insure its public buildings, and wishes to have them isolated, and with as much light as possible. Another signer from the south end of the town tells us that he was led to believe the choice lay between the lot at the corner of George and Garafraxa street, and the lot on Mill street, opposite Laidlaw's house. To him there was no mention made of the lot at the corner of Garafraxa and Saddler street. The reason for such concealment is plainly evident. As near the centre of the business portion of the town as possible is the best place for a post-office, or any other public building. We would ask the citizens not to be deceived by anyone who says a corner lot is the only one the Government will accept. A corner lot is preferred, as we said before, but a well located lot with not less than seventy feet frontage will also meet their requirements. In this, as in other public questions, we submit to the will of the majority, but we like to see the majority have the privilege of exercising their will without misleading influence.

## SPRING MILLINERY OPENING

We beg to announce our First Display of New York and Paris Models, will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday March 26th and 27th, 1912. You are cordially invited.

### S. F. MORLOCK

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