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NEWS AROUND TOWN

Live hogs are \$7.55 and indications are that prices will be lower.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier doesn't think that reciprocity is dead. That's what the Review man thought about the snake in John McAuliffe's cow.

On page 5, Mr. W. J. Atkinson offers for sale all his farm stock. Persons desiring to purchase any stock should read his advertisement.

We congratulate Mr. Jamieson Vollett and Miss Aljoe, whose marriage announcement appears in this issue. They intend to reside in Durham.

The next horse fair is announced for Thursday, October 17th. A special feature will be the presence of buyers for one, two, and three-year old draught colts.

Montenegro, the smallest of the Balkan states, has declared war against Turkey and hostilities have commenced. Bulgaria, Serbia and Greece are expected to follow Montenegro's lead, the belief in diplomatic circles being that the four countries are acting on a preconcerted plan.

Mr. D. C. Town, of Orillia, purchased the jewelry business recently owned by Mr. C. C. Douglas. He took over the business last week and his ad appears in this issue. We fancy that with only one jeweler in town the business ought to turn out well. We welcome Mr. Town as a citizen and wish him success.

The fairs in this vicinity are now about over and more newspaper space will be given in future to matters outside of prize winners. It is becoming a debatable question whether or not the giving of prize lists is a profitable employment to engage in. Only prize winners as a rule are interested in such reports.

Work on the Lambton street bridge has again been started. Piles are now being driven down to secure the foundation for the cement abutment. The loss caused by last Easter day's flood was a costly affair for the town, and years will elapse before the debt incurred will be wholly wiped off. The chances are the cost will be spread over a number of years.

The October meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. D. McCries. Forty ladies were present and listened to a splendid program. Mrs. N. Eden led in a general discussion on meats, which was both interesting and instructive. Mrs. D. McCrie gave a splendid paper on "Our Forests." A married ladies class and a single ladies class were formed and engaged in a button-hole contest. Prizes were won by Mrs. McLaughlin and Miss Mountain. Greetings from the Holstein branch were conveyed to the institute by Mrs. Murdock and Mrs. Rogers of Holstein. The meeting closed by singing the National Anthem.

Bowmanville ratepayers carried by-laws to expend \$111,000 on water works and \$40,000 on sewerage. For the sake of the public health the question of waterworks and the proper disposal of sewage is a problem that every town will shortly have to face. It is necessary in the interest of public health and safety. It is fast becoming a necessity in Durham, and whether our taxes are 26 1/2 mills on the dollar or not, a further appropriation will soon have to be made. There may be no immediate necessity to go into the larger scheme of sanitary improvement, but it is imperative now that some of the breeding places of disease should be seen after at once. It would be much more satisfactory to spend money willingly in taxes for the welfare of the public health, than to pay larger sums to the doctors and the undertakers. We haven't a disrespectful word to say against either of these two classes, but we do believe that a greater attention to cleanliness would go a long way towards economy and comforts and we further believe that our idea of improved sanitary conditions are absolutely correct.

Just arrived, a car of "Five Rose Flour," also a car of bran and shorts. Mrs. Beggs & Son.

Holstein charged fifteen cents gate admission to the fair and took in over \$200.

Natural gas has been struck by a well digger at Douro, five miles east of Peterborough.

We learn that the gate receipts at Priceville fair amounted to about \$175. at 25c a head for adults.

The gate receipts at Sheburne fair were over \$600. These and the proceeds of the concert for two nights ran up to \$903.

Great real estate sale. W. Laidlaw i. advertising some valuable property on terms to suit purchaser. See page 4.

The chocolates that are different. Just arrived 300 Neilson's chocolates bulk and box. Central Drug Store.

Bulb- for fall planting—Hyacinths, tulips, single and double daffodils Chinese lilies, at Central Drug Store.

Rev. Mr. Prudham addressed himself particularly to the members of the Epworth League at the service on Sunday evening last.

The editor of this paper inspected Allan's school on Tuesday last. He was assisted by Mr. N. W. Campbell, and found things in good shape under the able management of Miss Scott, who is regarded as a very efficient teacher.

Owen Sound's tax rate is 27 mills for 1913, an increase of 2 mills over this year. A move is on foot to have the town incorporated as a city. Owing to the increased valuation for county assessment purposes, there is a growing desire for separation from the county. With a sufficient population to don the city garb, the desire to do so is a laudable ambition, but the new robe may prove an expensive luxury.

A family of ten children ranging in age from fifteen years to eighteen months were burned to death in their home in St. Bernard Quebec. The parents were at a party and on returning about midnight found the house in flames. Frantic efforts were made by the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Gravel, but to no purpose, and in horrible agony they were eye-witnesses to the loss of their home and family whose pitiful cries for help they were unable to respond to. It was with much difficulty the neighbors kept the distracted parents from rushing into the flames.

We had a pleasant trip on Mr. Kelly's auto to the fair at Priceville on Friday last. Not a single horse seemed to pay any attention to us, and we have to conclude that before long few complaints will be made against the "devil wagon." It's a great comfort to go out in an auto. One may go fast or slow, up or down hill, and have no feeling for suffering horse flesh. Most of us know how painful it is to ride behind a tired horse. The auto, in good working order, gives no such feeling. Mr. Kelly's machine is a great hill climber, and Mr. Kelly is a good careful man at the wheel.

From present indications we may be up against a coal famine before supplies can be secured by the local dealers. Orders for coal are not being filled and there's no telling when supplies may arrive. Prices, too, will be away up, and the problem of heating will be a serious matter. Mr. Calder has been forced to advise some of his customers, whose orders are already booked, to purchase from the first dealer who can supply them. Black says he has coal ordered but when it will come is a conundrum. Lenahan doesn't expect any in for a month or more. We haven't learned what Ryan's prospects are, but presume he isn't any better off than the rest of the dealers. With cold weather coming on and no fuel in sight, things look rather serious.

It's raining again.

The Government has fixed Monday, October 28th as Thanksgiving day.

Mr. J. J. Smith offers his household goods for sale by auction on Saturday next.

Local option contests will be fought in about fifty municipalities in Ontario at the January election.

The regular meeting of the town council which should have been held Monday evening was postponed until Friday evening of this week.

About 300 went from here by train to attend the Laurier demonstration at Mt. Forest. This was considerably increased at Holstein and Varney.

The Grand Trunk Railway's winter time-table came into effect September 29th, but no changes have been made on the Palmerston-Durham branch.

We notice that Mr. Wm. Allan, the new License Inspector, is now on the war-path. We wish him success in what we consider one of the meanest offices of the whole gift of the government.

The treat of the season will be the organ recital in the Presbyterian church, on Thursday, October 10th, given by Mr. Ernest E. Prudham, the famous English pipe organist. Admission to all only 25c. Buy your tickets at Gun's Drug Store.

The Minister of Education desires the inspectors to invite the attention of school boards to the duty of commemorating in a suitable manner the hundredth anniversary of the death of General Sir Isaac Brock, who died in defence of his country at Queenston Heights on Oct. 13th, 1812. The anniversary falls on Sunday next and it is recommended that Friday afternoon or Monday be used for the purpose.

The printers of Grey and Bruce have issued a new price list for general job work, and prices in all offices should be uniform. They are only bound by their honor to adhere to the new rates—but if a man's honor is no good, he would wriggle out of a hard and fast written agreement. It was agreed that no free locals of an advertising nature would be given hereafter, not even the usual reference to sales from offices where the bills had been printed. We are not giving away any secrets. We have no secrets. All we want is fair prices for the work we do. We endorsed the policy of the convention, and we'll try to stand by it. Clubbing rates have also gone up. See our list.

DEATH OF ROBT. MCCRACKEN

Mr. Robert McCracken, of Aberdeen, died rather unexpectedly at the home of his brother, Samuel, in town on Friday afternoon last.

The deceased was born in Toronto sixty-seven years ago, and when about seventeen years of age came to Durham, where he remained some time before removing to Bentinck, where he spent many years as a blacksmith at Aberdeen.

About forty years ago he married Margaret Gillies, who predeceased him by about three years. To them were born a family of three sons and two daughters, William, Samuel and Mary at home, and Mrs. (Dr.) Edwards and James in the West.

For six years the deceased has been an invalid, and confined most of the time to his bed, but recently he became somewhat stronger and was taken here to spend a week or two with his brother. He seemed to enjoy the change very much and was quite bright and active. After being here only a couple of days he again became weak and died very suddenly on Friday evening about four o'clock.

His trouble was not very well understood, and during his illness the deceased entertained very strange notions and would not submit willingly to medical treatment.

Interment took place Sunday afternoon at Durham cemetery, a large number of friends and acquaintances being present at the obsequies.

LAURIER AT MOUNT FOREST

The final meeting of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Ontario tour was held in Mt. Forest on Monday afternoon and evening last. The Hon. Mackenzie King and Hon. Geo. P. Graham accompanied Sir Wilfrid and large enthusiastic meetings were held in the skating rink with an overflow meeting in the town hall at which all the speakers appeared and delivered addresses.

It is estimated that the rink will hold five thousand and the hall about six hundred. Both buildings were packed to the doors and many, we understand, were unable to gain admittance.

Sir Wilfrid always draws a crowd and this being his first appearance in Mt. Forest, the large attendance was no surprise. Excursion trains carrying large numbers were run from Owen Sound, Durham, Guelph and other points on the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Railways.

Fitting receptions were given the delegation by the Reform Association and an address of welcome given the ex-Premier. The meetings were addressed by Hon. Mackenzie King, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. Geo. P. Graham. All of whom spoke in laudatory terms of Sir Wilfrid's administration and denounced Mr. Borden for his delay in the past year, especially regarding his pronouncement on the naval policy.

Hon. Mackenzie King, according to our estimate, delivered the best and most forcible speech of the evening. He is a fluent speaker, and the various points in his argument follow in natural sequence. Sir Wilfrid's address was not up to what we expected. This was the first time we ever saw or heard him, and perhaps we have been expecting too much. His address, however, was good, but when we remember that Sir Wilfrid is getting to be an old man, we must not expect the force and eloquence of his more vigorous days. As an orator, he is generally conceded to hold the first place in Canada, and no doubt he has few superiors, if he has any.

Mr. Graham was no doubt regarded by many as the speaker of the evening. He was certainly the best entertainer, but his address was not so convincing as that of either of the other speakers.

The views expressed by the different speakers were not the opinions we would prefer from a political platform, nor do we think, as they profess to think, that the majority of the electors would reverse the decision of a year ago if they had a chance to vote over again. Apart from his politics everyone, we think, should respect the men who have risen to the highest honors the country can bestow. For that reason we always have a certain respect for the premier of our great Dominion, whether that premier be a Grit or a Tory.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. Rex. McGowan, of Toronto, is visiting at his home here.

Mr and Mrs. Towner are on the G. T. R. ticket agents excursion to Ottawa Montreal and Quebec.

Mr. W. J. Sharp, of Holstein, was in town Tuesday and gave the Chronicle a call.

Mrs. W. Smith, of Chicago, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Ed. Middleton.

Mr. Dave Allan has returned from New Ontario, where he spent the summer.

Mrs. Wm. Kearney left Friday for a visit to her home in Montana State.

Messrs. Duncan and Rod McFarlane, of Flint, Mich., are visiting their brothers, Messrs. Wm. J. and Allan McFarlane.

Mrs. R. P. Legate and son, Mr. James Legate, of Cadogan, Alta., are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. C. Ramoge and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rudolph, of Hanover, were in town Sunday visiting her sister, Mrs. Ed. Burnett, Jr.

Mr. C. C. Douglas, who has been engaged in the jewelry business here for the past couple of years, has sold out to Mr. Town of Orillia, and left last week to open a similar business at Sturgeon Falls.

Charming Styles in Millinery and Coats

OUR OPENINGS were an immense success. Never before has our show-room been the recipient of so many admiring customers. All the charm and picturesqueness that beautiful plumage can achieve is embodied in many of the new wide brim and low crown models. If you have not made a visit to this store, let us again invite you. Our talented milliner, Miss Scott, will be only too pleased to wait on you.



The New Coats

Fashion has set her seal of approval on large collar, belts, and loose back effects. The cut will give a good idea of one of the popular styles. We have many models for you to choose from and the moderate prices are a feature of this department. Price range from

\$6.50

to

\$15.00

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Pure wool Saxony Blankets, large size and full weight..... \$4.75

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Flannelette Blankets

In white or grey. Extra large size heavy quality.

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Extra Special pure wool Canadian yarn in all colors. full weight, per lb. .50

Berlin and Saxony wools. A fully assorted stock in all colors and weights.

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