

THE DURHAM CHRONICLE

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THE HYDRO ELECTRIC WAVE

At present there are many of the progressive towns of Western Ontario reaching out after Hydro-Electric power. So far, Durham seems to stand to one side to see the cars go by. Is it wise to remain inactive till all the good things are swallowed up by our competitors? Our present supply may be sufficient for all present needs, but to stand stationary is not a progressive idea of the 20th century methods. New industries are looking round for places to locate and with cheap power to offer we would be in possession of a leverage that less favored places wouldn't have. Our geographical position for an inland town has the advantage of good railway facilities. We have already two steam roads, and there's no telling how soon our facilities may be further increased. No doubt the furniture company would be willing to turn their present power over to the Commission on reasonable terms; this could easily be increased by connecting up with supplementary power from other sources, and soon every industry in town would be using the hydro-electric. The electric light company's power, too, could be taken over by the Commission, and the town lighting supplied from the same energy. Cheap power always available would create business and other industries, large or small, would follow in the train, and before long there would be a substantial material development along industrial lines. If we want anything we'll have to get out and get after it.

MEN OF JUDGMENT ACT WITH JUDGMENT

For some time there has been opposition to Mr. Telford as police magistrate, and a while ago some were anxious to have him send in his resignation. For certain good and just reasons he hasn't done so. There is no man capable of pleasing everybody, and even if a change were made we have no definite assurance that the change would be an improvement. No business man, it seems to us, would hanker after the job, and few business men possess the legal qualifications required in the decision of the various differences that come up from time to time. Mr. Telford may be lenient at times, and through pure kindness of heart impose a lighter sentence than some of us think he ought to. We have no hesitation in believing he has at least average intelligence and average judgment. In these respects he is surely as well fitted for the position as the average man. To these, when we add his knowledge of law, which must be superior to that of any other man in the place, we are forced to the conclusion that he should be the best man for the position of police magistrate. Again, he occupies a position of perhaps greater independence than any other business man, and as far as we are concerned we'll move carefully and be sure of our ground before we seek for a change.

MAKE THE HALL SAFE AND AVERT DANGER

The old town hall on its new foundation has been undergoing repairs and will, we presume, be ready for use in the course of a few days. For 40 years or more it has been used for all kinds of gatherings, and it may be the idea of the council and many of the citizens that it will serve a similar purpose for another half century. No accidents have happened in the past and it is to be hoped that no accidents will happen in the future, but the law now is different from what it was 40 years ago, and the conditions that would then be tolerated can no longer be sanctioned and approved. There was little or no thought then of danger at public gatherings, but now it is necessary to make provision for the safety of the public. The doors are made to open out according to law, but the law further requires additional exits to afford easy means of escape in case of accident. We have seen the hall so crowded that a hasty escape without fatalities would be hard to conceive of. We may just throw out a hint to the council to reduce danger when it comes. We make no apologies for again referring to this needed change.

I OWE MY LIFE TO "FRUIT-A-TIVES"

They Did Me More Good Than All Other Treatments Combined



Mrs. H. S. WILLIAMS

PALMERSTON, ONT., June 20th, 1913 "I really believe that I owe my life to 'Fruit-a-tives'. Ever since childhood, I have been under the care of physicians and have been paying doctors' bills. I was so sick and worn out that people on the street often asked me if I thought I could get along without help. The same old stomach trouble and distressing headaches nearly drove me wild. Some time ago I got a box of 'Fruit-a-tives' and the first box did me good. My husband was delighted and advised a continuation of their use. 'Fruit-a-tives' completely cured me. Today, I am feeling fine, and a physician meeting me on the street, noticed my improved appearance and asked me the reason. I replied, 'I am taking Fruit-a-tives'. He said, 'Well, if 'Fruit-a-tives' are making you look so well, go ahead and take them. They are doing more for you than I can'.

"Fruit-a-tives" are sold by all dealers at 50c. a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size 25c. or sent on receipt of price by Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa.

THE ELECTRIC LIGHTS

Last week we referred to what "other fellows" have been saying about the electric light service, and a further reference to the same subject will not be out of place. We do so in no fault-finding spirit and what we have to say is merely suggestive and may lead to defects being remedied. We believe the system of lighting in this town is absolutely wrong and general satisfaction will never result so long as things are conducted along present and past lines. We believe, under present conditions, the all-night service on a "flat rate" is the cause of much of the trouble, and that the extravagant waste of current is largely responsible for a deficiency in the service. The introduction of metres would go a long way towards a proper remedy. People are liable to be extravagant at the expense of others when they have a free hand to do so, and we fully believe a much better and more satisfactory service would be given if users were required to pay for the amount of current they received. It would have a tendency to make the users shut off the lights when they were not actually needed, and furthermore, a greater number of lights would be installed in many homes. The introduction of metres will help to solve the problem.

THE PRODIGAL SON FAILED TO MAKE THE HOME RUN

The young people of the Methodist church advertised last week that a two-reel moving picture exhibit of the Prodigal Son would be given Monday night last in the lecture room of the church. Somebody interfered, however, and the show didn't come off. We don't know who originated the protest; some think that Mr. Damm, proprietor of the Star theatre was the man to set the ball rolling. To give such an exhibition is evidently a violation of the present law regarding moving picture shows, and Mr. Damm, or anyone else, had a perfect right to object, under the circumstances, and no reasonable person can blame him for doing so. The law requires proper exits to provide for escape in case of danger. It is always necessary, we understand, that a properly licensed operator should be in charge, and that the machine itself should be licensed. In the absence of the required conditions, it was perfectly right for some one to step in and interfere with any violation of the law. The Methodist people submitted gracefully when the error was brought to their notice, and only the remaining portion of the program was presented. We are always glad to see people stand up for law observance and we hope that in this and all other matters a cheerful obedience will be given to all legal requirements. Only law-abiding citizens can be regarded as good citizens in the strictest sense of the term.

The young people of the Methodist church have much reason to be thankful to someone for pointing out the error before a blunder was committed, and when future errors are about to be made unwittingly we hope they will again be warned. It is the business of any man having the good of the community at heart to sound a note of warning when there's danger ahead.

PERSONAL

Mrs. J. F. Irwin is visiting with her parents in Hamilton. Mr. Peter Ramage returned the first of the week from an extended trip through the west. Messrs. Geo. Thompson, Thos. A. Cook, W. McDonald and Thos. Cowan are attending the Poultry Show at Guelph this week. Mrs. Geo. Watt, and her daughter, Miss Barbara, have gone to London, where they intend to spend the winter with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clemas. Mrs. E. J. Anderson, formerly Miss Alice Lawrence, of Plenty, Sask., is visiting her mother and other relatives and friends in this locality. She expects to remain for a couple of months. Mr. Wm. Moore is at Harrison attending the funeral of Norman T. Kearns, who was killed there on Monday, while working as a lineman for the Bell Telephone Company.

BORN. JAMIESON.—In Durham, on Monday, December 8, to Dr. and Mrs. D. B. Jamieson, a daughter.

MARKET REPORT

Table with market prices for various commodities like Fall Wheat, Spring Wheat, Milling Oats, Feed Oats, Peas, Barley, Hay, Butter, Eggs, Potatoes, Dried Apples, Flour, Oatmeal, Live Hogs, Hides, Sheepskins, Wool, Tallow, Lard, Turkeys, Ducks, Chickens, Roosters, Hens, Geese, Ducks, Chickens, Roosters, Hens.

Advertisement for Scott's Emulsion, titled 'Aged People', discussing nutrition and health for the elderly.

Advertisement for a Choir Concert Program in the Methodist Church on Thursday, December 18, 1913, listing various songs and hymns.

Advertisement for W. L. Saunders, Shoemaker, promoting footwear and shoe repairs.

Advertisement for a Christmas Cake Recipe, including ingredients and instructions.

Advertisement for Royal Excelsior Halloween Dates, Cranberries, and Currants.

Advertisement for Mrs. A. Beggs & Son, offering services and products.

Advertisement for The Down Town Shoe Store, featuring rubber shoes and custom work.

Advertisement for McKECHNIES' MILLS, highlighting the quality of their flour and oatmeal.

Advertisement for PATENTS, offering legal services and patent protection.

Advertisement for FUFL S MO, All-Metal, and The Up-t, featuring various mechanical and industrial products.

Advertisement for Frost & Son, for High-Farm Ma, and Melotte Cre Carriages and Engines.

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