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The Chronicle Wishes Everyone A Merry Christmas

NEWS AROUND TOWN

Live hogs are \$8.40.

Have you paid your sub?

School closed last Friday, and will not open again until the 5th of January.

There will be divine service in Trinity church on Christmas Day at 11 o'clock in the morning.

The estate of the late Barlow Cumberland, who died at Port Hope in August, has been filed for probate. He left property valued at \$134,797.83.

The Baptist Sunday school entertainment will be held on Friday evening, December 26, instead of Monday, the 29th, as formerly announced. Admission 40c. and 15c.

Mr. D. Doherty, who formerly conducted the bus and dray business here, has purchased a 100-acre farm at Erin. This he has since rented for a term of years and he may possibly again become a resident of Durham.

Lost.—A child's brown leather purse, with chain handle, containing \$2.94. Lost Monday afternoon between W. L. Saunders' shoe store and the Hahn House. Finder will be rewarded by leaving at telephone office.

Since last week a goodly supply of snow has fallen, and those who were of the opinion we would have a green Christmas proved themselves poor prophets. The sleighing is at present good, and it seems as if the present snow has come to stay.

The annual entertainment for Trinity Sunday school will be held on Tuesday evening, December 30, in the basement of the church. A good program of carols, duets, drills, recitations, etc., will be given. Admission 15c. and 10c. children of the Sunday school, free.

The horse fair last Thursday is reported as another great success. 25 horses having changed hands. These monthly institutions must cause a large amount of money to circulate amongst the farming community, but it seems to us they must be thinning out the horses very materially.

Mr. John Whitmore, of Watrous Sask., son of Mr. John Whitmore of Egremont, is spending a few months with his many relatives and friends in this town and locality. It is 25 years since Mr. Whitmore went west, and this is his third trip east. He is a cousin of W. J. McFadden, with whom he spent a day or two this week.

Wedding invitations, wedding announcements, and society and commercial printing of all kinds, in fact anything from a visiting card to a three-sheet poster, in one or more colors, can be done at The Chronicle office at a reasonable price. We are also prepared to supply all kinds of counter check books at the regular prices, and lower. Get your printing done at home, and help to build up your own town.

The Christmas idea was well exemplified last week when the children of the Third Book, who are presided over by Miss A. C. MacKenzie, held a Christmas Tree and entertainment in their school room, on the last day of school. Each child brought a present, and the combined gifts contained a good and useful collection of handkerchiefs, toys, candies, etc. To brighten their own festive season, as well as to bring happiness to others, the gifts were boxed up and shipped to the Children's Shelter at Owen Sound, the express also being paid by the children, who took up a collection for the purpose. This, we think, is the best sample of the real Christmas spirit we have seen for some time, and Durham's older folks might well take an example from these children. There is little question but these children will enjoy their own Christmas festival the better, in the knowledge that they have at least helped make the Christmas of the homeless happy, and this with no expectation of any immediate reward.

Mitts found. This office.

Have you paid your sub?

Huntsville is agitating for a public hospital.

The Methodist Sunday school entertainment was held in the church on Tuesday night.

Advertisers are again notified that next Thursday is a holiday and changes of copy for next issue must be in our hands not later than Monday noon to ensure insertion.

Mrs. Wellington Banks, of North Bay, daughter of the late Mrs. Porter, died at her home in North Bay on Thursday, the 11th inst. We understand that heart trouble was the cause.

Mrs. Samuel Neal wishes to thank her many friends at Holstein, Orchard and vicinity for the kindness shown her during the sickness and death of her late husband.

John McNally, of Arkell, had the skin torn from one hand by a grain chopper. The skin was stitched on again, but mortification set in and amputation was found necessary.

Bishop Fallon (R.C.), of London, has urged parents to have their children endeavor to pass the entrance examinations before 13, and to make sacrifices, if necessary, to ensure them the higher education.

Just as we go to press we learn of the death in Hamilton of Douglas Mountain, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Mountain. The remains will be taken here for interment, but we have no particulars as to time.

The postponed regular meeting of the Independent Order of Foresters will be held in their hall in the Calder Block on Friday evening, December 26, at 8 o'clock. Election of officers and general business. A full attendance is requested.

Mr. Adam Grein of Ayton, died on the 7th inst. at the age of 54 years. He was ill only a few weeks from heart trouble, followed by pleurisy and pneumonia. He leaves a widow, two sons and three daughters, two brothers and four sisters. Mrs. Valentine Bauer is a sister of the deceased.

It is stated that 72 bodies have been recovered to date from the Canadian shore of Lake Huron. All those recently recovered have been identified, except one off the Carruthers at Goderich, one off the Scott at Port Elgin, one off the Scott at Kincardine and two off the Hydrus.

On Sunday evening last Mrs. Hamilton Allen received a wire from Hopeville announcing the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Neil McKechnie, a lady of 98 years. Mr. and Mrs. Allen drove out that night, and the latter has not yet returned. It is not likely the old lady will last many days. Mr. McKechnie, her husband, is 95 years of age.

After the longest continuous run in the history of the plant, the cement works closed down Tuesday, and save for a small gang of repair men who will be at work shortly after the New Year, the works will be in idleness till next spring. The plant started on the 22nd of last April, and has had a steady and uninterrupted run up to last Tuesday, the 23rd of December, eight months in all. During that time, over 250,000 barrels of cement have been made and marketed.

Inspector M. B. Boyd, provincial detective, was here in connection with the mysterious disappearance of Donald L. McDonald, of Bentinck, and having gone over the ground and examined the situation, he discovered nothing to suggest foul play. He thinks he may have wandered away and got lost, or he may have committed suicide. He advised that close watch be kept on the lakes, but the body of a drowned man would not float more than a day or so in such cold weather before it would again sink.

THE SCHOOL CONCERT

The Durham school held their Commencement Exercises in the town hall on Friday evening last, where a packed house listened to a good program.

Dr. Jamieson was to occupy the chair, but was absent for some reason and the duties were ably discharged by Principal Allan.

The program consisted of a number of unique selections, all of which were creditably performed, and were listened to with interest and delight by the parents and visitors.

"Papa's Return" was a nice piece of home life by a number of little girls waiting anxiously for the return of the father. The latter part was taken by Principal Allan, who presented a very fatherly appearance as the borrowed brood climbed his knees and showed no small degree of affection.

"The Indian Drill" by seven or eight boys and girls who acted their parts well in harmony with Hiawatha's Wooing, which was read by Miss Marshall, a pupil of the school, was a good number.

"The Senior" was the title of a play rendered by a number of the senior pupils. The moral went to show the impossibility of success in reaching the educational goal when too much time is spent in games, amusements and the ordinary dissipations that detract from intellectual achievements.

The presentation of diplomas was an interesting part of the program. In the absence of Inspector Campbell, who was to present the High School Entrance certificates, the editor of this paper discharged the duty in a kind of a way, and made a few congratulatory remarks to the successful students, parents, and the public generally, emphasizing the importance of using every effort to maintain the educational standing of the town, and lending support to all measures of educational progress.

Rev. Mr. Prudham presented the Lower School certificates and congratulated the winners, whom he hoped would continue in the work they had so well begun. He hoped nothing would be done to mar the educational advancement so essential to the interests and welfare of the community.

Rev. Mr. Hartley presented the Entrance to Normal and Matriculation certificates, and impressed upon the students and the ratepayers the importance of retaining our High school, which has done such admirable work in the past. As a member of the Board he expressed his belief that evidences were beginning to manifest themselves that fuller and better equipment would have to be made or the grants would not be continued. The grants and fees, he pointed out, aggregated the handsome sum of about \$2,800. To have this cut off from the school revenue would result in cutting off the High school for want of funds to maintain it. We lost the Model school, and the signs of a couple of years ago regarding improved equipment for that institution were now in evidence in regard to the High school. Unless we do our part in meeting the necessary conditions of the Department of Education, it will be sure to follow the Model school, to the intellectual and financial detriment of Durham.

Mr. Theodore Fallaise sang a much appreciated solo, and entertaining and spirited recitations were well rendered by Miss Mary McAlister and Miss Florence Barclay.

The following are winners of the Scholarships and Medals: The Scholarship given by the High School Board to the pupil taking the highest standing, Form I to Form II was awarded to Miss Edith Edge. The Scholarship Form II to Form III, awarded to Miss Alix Edge. These Scholarships entitle each winner to a year's tuition, and are worth \$10 each.

The medal awarded the Durham pupil of highest standing was taken by Miss Mary Smith.

Dr. Jamieson's medal, awarded the High School Entrance candidate in South Grey taking the highest standing, was won by

Reginald Campbell of Swinton Park.

Principal Allan's medal for taking highest standing on Entrance to Normal, was awarded to Ray Farquharson.

The proceeds amounted to over \$80 and will be applied on the piano debt.

THE PRODUCE MARKET

The produce market held here on Thursday last was well patronized by farmers from the adjacent townships, and we learn from Mr. W. P. Paterson, the weighmaster that day, that about four tons of turkeys, geese, ducks and chickens were disposed of to city buyers from Toronto and Hamilton. The prices, compared with our last week's market quotation, show that local buyers have been giving good prices, considering the fluctuating state of the city market during the past few weeks.

The Chronicle last week quoted 18c. for turkeys, 12c. for geese, 12c. for ducks, 11c. for chickens, and 8c. for fowl. The prices paid by the city buyers were from 18 to 20 for turkeys, 12 to 14 for geese and ducks, 12 to 14 for chickens, and 7 to 10 cents for fowl. These prices were based on quality, and the lowest price named in each was the price generally paid. Considering Christmas time, and the large city demand for fowl of all kinds, we think our local men made a good showing. It must be remembered also that the city buyers had many of their orders booked, knew before hand the disposition they would make of their purchases, and were taking no chances.

In this respect they differed from the local buyers, who have to depend wholly on the commission merchants, and accept the prices when the goods reach the city dealers.

There was very little butter offered, and some of it was not purchased. A few choice lots were taken, and others refused. We do not think the prices paid here should cast any serious reflection on the local buyers, and at other seasons of the year it is just doubtful if outside buyers could afford to do any better.

BYRON VAIR DEAD

On Wednesday of last week Mr. Byron Vair was found dead in Detroit, and was taken to the morgue, where he was identified on Thursday by two of his brothers from Galt. He was a brother of Mrs. (Dr.) Gun, of this place, and son of the late Thomas Vair G. T. R. Agent here for a number of years. The deceased was 36 years of age, and for the past five or six years has been in poor health, suffering from heart trouble and fainting spells. On his failure to return, his mother, Mrs. Vair, instituted a search, but he was not found until identified by his brothers. Mrs. Gun left for Detroit immediately after hearing the sad news, and will remain some time with her mother. The family felt assured that heart failure was the cause of his sudden demise, but the authorities thought a post mortem was necessary, but the investigation assigned heart failure as the cause of death. Interment took place in Detroit on Saturday.

WHY SHE WAS CRYING.

Some time ago a man was awakened in the night to find his wife weeping uncontrollably.

"My darling!" he exclaimed, "what is the matter?"

"A dream!" she gasped. "I have had such a horrible dream!"

Her husband begged her to tell it to him, in order that he might comfort her. After long persuasion she was induced to say this:

"I thought I was walking down the street and I came to a warehouse where there was a large placard, 'Husbands for Sale.' You could get beautiful ones for \$1,500, or even for \$1,200, and very nice-looking ones for as low as a hundred."

The husband asked innocently, "Did you see any that looked like me?"

"Dozens of them," gasped the wife, "done up in bunches like asparagus, and sold for \$2.50 a bunch."

NEW MANTLES JUST ARRIVED

There is great comfort in a long Coat with a Fur Collar. There is so large a portion of the winter which is severe and blustery that the possession of a long Mantle with a Fur Collar is practically a necessity in every women's complete wardrobe.

We have them and they are made specially for ourselves; they have superior quality of cloth also superior lining and are a little longer than the ordinary Fur Collar Coat. Any one intending to purchase a good warm coat should see this line before selecting elsewhere. We have also passed into stock within this last week 36 Ladies' New Goats ranging in price from \$6.00 to \$15.00.

Our showing of Men's and Boys Overcoats and Men's and Boy's Suits is an interesting feature of this store.

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Stanfield's Unshrinkable Underwear

For Men, Women and Children.

Every garment is severely tested before leaving the factory and is positively guaranteed not to shrink.

Satisfaction or money refunded. Stanfield's pure wool sweater coats, that wear.

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