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## NEWS AROUND TOWN

Live hogs are \$9.50 today, an advance of 15c. since last issue.

Yesterday was Candlemas Day, and we are told the sun was seen for a few minutes.

The Smith Bros. got in three Ford cars about a couple of weeks ago, and three more have arrived today.

Mr. James Warmington, Airdrie, Alberta, has enlisted for overseas service, and is now training in Calgary.

The sun was partially eclipsed to-day, from 10.20 to 12.15. The clouded condition of the weather prevented observation.

Henry Anderson, one of the oldest residents of Port Dalhousie died yesterday, at the age of 96. He worked on the first canal built there when the locks were made of wood, no stone being used.

The Dornoch Branch of the Women's Institute will meet at the home of Mrs. L. McKnight, Wednesday, February 9, at 2.30 p.m. Members are requested to be in their places as business of importance must be decided on. Please bring your knitting to this meeting.

The Zion Branch of the Women's Institute will meet at the home of Mrs. W. J. Greenwood on Thursday, February 10, at 2 p.m. Good and helpful papers will be read. A collection in aid of Red Cross fund will be taken up at this meeting roll call. All ladies are invited to attend.

A very quiet wedding was solemnized on the 19th of January, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Wilson, of Rocky Saugeen when their youngest daughter, Elizabeth Olive, was united in marriage to Mr. Wm. E. Bourne, of Invermay, Sask. We tender our congratulations.

On Monday, Feb. 7, the Lamplash Women's Institute intend holding a box social in aid of the Red Cross in Lamplash school, at which the autograph quilt will be offered for sale. Admission 10c. Ladies bringing boxes free. The Bentinck soldiers are invited and have been granted leave to attend.

Lieut. Wolfe, now in Salonica, in the Army Veterinary Corps, was recently promoted to the position of Captain. He has had some experience dodging German bombs, and things are different from his sweltering experiences doing nothing on the burning sands of Egypt.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Adams, of whom we gave a short obituary last week, took place on Saturday afternoon last. The remains arrived here from Detroit, Friday, and were taken to the home of her brother, Mr. D. B. McFarlane to await the hour arranged for the funeral obsequies. Rev. Mr. Whaley was the officiating clergyman, and referred with deep feeling to the sudden taking off of a promising young life. The profusion of floral offerings show the deep respect in which she was held by her many friends. The funeral was largely attended.

Cronyon Hall was well filled last evening on the occasion of the piano recital given by the blind musician, Mr. Thomas Mitchell, ably assisted by Miss Quita Moore. Every number on the program was warmly received, and those who had the good fortune to be present, listened to a musical treat the equal of which, we unfortunately seldom hear. Mr. Mitchell is more than a pianist, he is an artist. His remarkable technique and delightful rendering of the most difficult compositions of the old masters surprised even his most intimate friends. His clever interpretation of Beethoven's Sonata Pathetic with its changing mood. Eilenburg's brilliant Romanza, the ever sweet and enjoyable melodies of Chopin, were received with deserved applause—London Free Press. Mr. Mitchell will give an organ recital in the Presbyterian church on Tuesday evening, February 15. Admission 25c. Proceeds entirely for Red Cross work.

The opening of the Ontario Legislature is expected to take place about the end of this month or two weeks later than usual.

Our readers will remember that we are still collecting razors for the soldiers. A number have been received in response to our last appeal.

The Canadian Battalion Band, consisting of 22 pieces and the Bugle Band, of 24 pieces, will be here at the Patriotic Rally tomorrow.

Mr. Joseph Noble purchased the west half of lot 28 con. 5 Bentinck a few days ago. This gives Mr. Noble two hundred acres in one block.

Some of our correspondents are not yet aware of the fact that their news budgets will come for one cent if the envelope is left unsealed. If sealed the rate is three cents.

The Queen's Hotel, Guelph, was damaged considerably by fire Tuesday night about 9.30. The guests were all turned out and the fire brigade had the fire under control. The damage is covered by insurance.

Two whiskey runners, Jim Smith, of Barrie, and Adam Barber, of Owen Sound, were convicted in the Police court, at Barrie, and fined \$300 each and costs, or three months in jail, for selling without a license. Both appear to have done an extensive business with the soldiers.

Mr. Alex Hildebrandt, teacher at Minto, and son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Hildebrandt, here, volunteered for overseas service recently but failed to pass the examination. Alex, now has the satisfaction of knowing that the large recruiting posters and speeches have nothing to do with him, and will have to content himself with doing his 'bit' at home.

Mr. C. Ector, who has been west for the past five or six years at Arcola, Sask., is quite taken up with the climate and likes the country well. He hasn't altogether lost respect for this part of the world, but thinks he would prefer the west. He is enjoying a visit with his many former friends, and will remain here till early in March.

Reeve Catton, who attended the County Council last week for the first time, has been placed on three or four of the important committees. We learn that the members of the council have already formed a favorable impression of him. He may be a little green at the business yet, but by the end of a year or two he will become seasoned and thoroughly kiln dried.

On Friday morning last a break occurred in the McKechnie Dam just beside where the water enters the flume. For a time there was a terrific flow of water which washed away half of the concrete building just east of the mill and used as a stable. A horse in the stable was some distance down stream, with part of the manger attached to the halter. The horse was the property of Mrs. Beggs and Son and escaped without injury. It will cost considerable to make all necessary repairs.

The hydro bills for December and January lighting will be sent out shortly. From the 18th of November when the current was turned on up to the time the metres were installed the original flat rate will be charged. The wiring is not yet completed, but service is given where possible. Those who have not yet had their houses wired in accordance with hydro requirements are expected to have the work done as soon as possible so that all may be safe from danger, and have the metres properly installed. A number have already told us that the new service is proving satisfactory, and the cost of current will be very reasonable. We hear of one consumer's light bill being nearly cut in two. This is not our experience however, though we have no reason to complain.

## SOLDIERS HERE FRIDAY

Tomorrow is the home coming day of the Recruits from Owen Sound and other places, and the town should receive them with open arms and give them a right royal welcome. Not only the boys belonging to Durham, but every boy in uniform is deserving of all the respect the town can bestow. When son and parent meet the short re-union will be a period of rejoicing. Never again in all human probability will there be another gathering of the same boys here. Ere long the call will come to go elsewhere, and before many months have passed they may be adding their strength to those in the fighting lines. All may return in safety, but this can hardly be expected. If the worst should come, and fatalities be reported amongst the brave boys who will be with us to-morrow, there is a consolation in the thought that they will fall in defence of honor and in upholding the principles of liberty and justice. There should be an immense crowd here to show their welcome and express their appreciation.

The war is now getting to be an old subject, but the end is not yet. The awful condition is not of our choosing, and all we can do is to bear it patiently and manfully till success comes, whether the advent of the period will occur in one year or in five years. Our best wishes go with the boys in uniform. May they soon enter on the triumphal march, and Prussianism be crushed out forever.

## The Day's Program

The recruits from Owen Sound by special train will arrive here about noon, accompanied by the Battalion and Bugle Bands. Local recruits from other centres will be here to welcome them.

Dinner will be served free in the town hall to all who appear in uniform. Others will be charged 25c.

The procession then, headed by the band, will parade the streets, and go to the furniture factory where a large room has been provided with seats for a thousand people. Here addresses will be given and testimonials presented to the recruits. Supper will be served in the hall at 6.30, after which a Hockey match has been arranged for between the soldier boys and the Durham team.

The musical concert in the factory will follow, the program being all furnished by talent from Owen Sound. Everybody should attend. The money will go for patriotic purposes.

## THE CHORAL CONCERT

The young people of the Durham Choral Society gave a very pleasing entertainment in the hall on Tuesday evening. It was a musical comedy in two acts entitled, "A Virginian Romance," and the rendering of the play occupied about two hours. The hall was well filled, but not packed, and the excellent order and frequent applause are evidences of the general appreciation.

About twenty five took part in the performance, and all were local talent. The play was under the management of Mr. J. H. Harding, and much credit is due to him for the clock-work precision of the whole performance. Miss Rita Irwin was the musical accompanist, and we may be pardoned if we say that her skillful manipulation of the piano added in some measure to the excellence of the entertainment. It was the first public recital of this particular play, and will improve on the next and subsequent renderings.

It was a sort of a love affair; a southern girl goes to school where she meets a Northerner and falls in love with him. Her father being a Confederate hates Yankees, and refuses his consent to the girl's marriage. Schemes are laid by which the hated lover saves the girl's father from accident, and his consent is secured and the couple married.

The chief performers were;

Misses Vaddie Caldwell, Edna Linn, Lillian Walker, Zeta Black, Mrs. A. W. H. Lauder, Mrs. J. H. Harding, and Messrs. J. H. Harding, John McDonald, Peter Ramage, Guy Kerney, Dan McGrath, and J. N. McKim. Added to this was a full chorus of several voices.

Mr. Harding and Martin Lauder were the Etkeopians of the show and the appearance of the little "coon," was a rouser to the audience.

The proceeds amounted to about \$75 and after deducting expenses the balance will be given over to the recruiting league.

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Presbyterian church here was held in the basement of the church on Monday afternoon. Owing to the unpleasant weather the attendance was not so large as usual, but a fairly representative gathering from both urban and rural districts was recorded.

The pastor, Rev. S. M. Whaley, B. A., occupied the chair and after devotional exercises and the reading of the minutes of last meeting by the secretary, Mr. C. Ramage, took up the consideration of the various reports submitted in the printed statement of the congregation.

The report of the Session, presented by the Moderator in the absence of the Clerk, dealt with the vital questions which affect the spiritual work of the church, and touched upon the special features which have made 1915 a year of extraordinary interest to all Christian people. The report deserves a second reading and serious consideration by every member of the congregation.

The various Sunday School and Bible Class reports all indicated progress. During the year the Bible classes were organized as requested by the provincial S. S. Association, so that while continuing an organic part of the Sunday school, they work under their own organizations, having their own officers and controlling their own disbursements. It is gratifying that the Sunday school and Bible classes are made, as they ought to be, the avenue for entrance into full church membership.

Notwithstanding the liberal contributions of the membership of the church, to Red Cross, and to patriotic purposes, the missionary contributions for all purposes increased more than fifty per cent over those of any preceding year. This was in addition to the magnificent work of the Ladies' Aid on behalf of the Red Cross. The self sacrificing devotion of the ladies cannot be too highly spoken of. Through their efforts the sum of \$671.88 was collected for this purpose and besides eleven bales of supplies, consisting in all of 8716 pieces were shipped to Red Cross headquarters.

The report of the Board of Managers also reflected the increasing activities and the generous liberality of the congregation. The total receipts for all purposes were some \$300 higher than for the previous year, and the year closed with a balance on the right side after paying nearly \$400 for the installation of a new furnace and heating system in the manse. In order to comply with the requirements of the hydro system, the Board, during the month of January, just past, installed a complete new lighting outfit in the body of the church at a cost of nearly \$350. Part of this account was paid out of the contributions of 1915 and the balance remains as a charge upon this year to which it properly belongs.

All the organizations of the church were shown to be in a flourishing condition and the congregation, with its popular and beloved pastor enters upon the new year with high hopes of even bettering what may justly be called one of the best years in its history.

The retiring managers, Messrs. Robt. McFadden, S. Hughes, J. F. Grant, and Dr. D. B. Jamieson, were re-elected for the next three years. After votes of thanks to choir, ushers, Ladies Aid, etc a pleasant meeting was brought to a close with the Benediction by the pastor

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