W IRWIN, Editor and Proprietor

Thursday, February 8, 1923.

WHY SEND SLOPPY EXCHANGES?

We have papers on our exchange list that we seldom read from one year's end to the next. We can't understand how a newspaper publisher having a pride in his business should make it a continuous practice to send the culls to his exchang-We have in mind one office claiming a large circulation from which we never remember receiving change in the date would necessitate a paper that wasn't either offset, torn or mutilated. If such occurred occasionally we could easily understand the reason and think nothing about it, but week after week it is the same old thing. In our case we feel that the publishers themselves should be the best critics and judge paper the kind of work a person might expect from the office sending it out. In case of an occasional shortage from papers being spoiled in the press or folder a cull might be permitted to go unchallenged as an the rule rather than the exception. Little things count and where the such a way as to show an utter lack of care in that particular department of the work. We contend that the very best product of each week's output should go to the exchanges. It may be that in some offices the papers are all sloppy and there may be no pick or choice.

P. O. DEPT. SHOULD PAY

Be sure you get your Valentines well addressed, well sealed and, if valuable, have them registered to insure delivery. The Postal Department has sent out notices to the Postmasters and through them to the local publishers to advise all senders of Valentines to exercise care. Why should publishers, who have to pay a large amount every year postage be expected to do the adver- Marjory Noble, who took the part of tising for nothing? Yet it is even so, and every little while an indirect request comes to "bring this to the notice of the local papers." The Postal Department boasts of being a big revenue producer and can well afford to pay for the services they get from the little country press that has all it can do to make ends meet. These notices are advertising pure and simple and, like other advertising, should be paid for.

DO YOU LIKE IT?

We devoted a lot of time last week in giving a report of the County Council. For years we have been doing the same thing after each meeting if we could at all find the time and space. It is the only way the public can learn what that great body is doing. But to publish the minutes is one things and to get the public to read them is another. Members of the County Council will read them, but are they read by others? It would be a satisfaction to us to know if they are read generally. If they are, it would be a satisfaction to give them in the future, but to have only two or three readers to a feature that takes so much time is : poor reward for our labor. Tell us you want them and if you do you'll continue to get them.

ADVERTISING DID IT

And it came to pass that after h had advertised his goods there came · unto him great multitudes from all the regions round about and did buy of him. And when his competitors saw it they marvelled among themselves saying, "How is it that this man in busy while we have to loaf about our doors?" And he spake unto them saying Verily, verily, say unto you, in this fast age of push and rustle it is easier for a camel to enter the eye of a needle than for a business man to flourish without advertising."

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Doctors, nurses and newspaper men are, according to a newspaper dispatch, at the home of Lord Lascalles awaiting the arrival of the expected heir. All well and good But haven't they forgotten something? Why this apparent slight of the motion picture interests?

At the request of his flancee the Duke of York has promised to ditch the cigarette and go back to the pipe. It is predicted pipe-smoking will again become fashionable. Hurrah! Once more WE are fashionable!

and pull the bedclothes into any Firth in Highland costume gave

darn old shape you choose without couple of Scotch recitals that were being told about it-Oh, boy! Ain't excellent for an amateur and quite it a gr-r-r-and and g-g-g-lori-ous as good as some we hear from profeeling?

coming dryer and dryer.

SCOTCH CONCERT IN TOWN HALL DREW LARGE ATTENDANCE

An entertainment was given in the Town Hall on Tuesday night under the auspices of the Durham Presby- gave a good account of himself. terian Choir. The original intention was to hold it on Robbie Burns' birthday but owing to circumstances over which none of us have control it was postponed to the 6th of February. It was in honor of Scotland's great poet, none the less, and the no change on the program. It was to be all Scotch, and we believe there were no variations except in the skirt drill rendered near the close. In the absence of Rev. Mr. Smith,

who was forced to remain at home on account of sickness in his family. the introductory spiel was made by from the general appearance of the Mayor Smith and after his preliminary oration he touched the button and the program went like clockwork.

A pleasing feature of the whole event, and it was particularly pleasing to the writer, was the rendering exchange. But in some cases it is throughout of old-time numbers, the selections that were known and didn't have to be guessed at. Scots Wha work is otherwise good and the mat- Hae was the opening chorus, and it ter good the wrapping is done in is often asserted and generally conceded that nothing in Scotch or any other literature breathes forth stronger sentiment of patriotism. It was well rendered and the same may be said of Annie Laurie, the song that will never die. The medley of Scotch songs was a pleasing and spirited number. The choruses were all good and the choir was in fine form for the event.

Mrs. A.W.H. Lauder was a strong character and excelled herself in Catter Herrin'. Her parts in the duets with Pe'er Ramage were cleverly presented.

Jack ader, who took the part of Jamie i., When Y Gang Awa' Jamie did his part with telling effect and delighted the whole house. The two little g. t., Dissageth Harding and Jenny, showed a grasp of the poetical interpretation seldom seen grown-ups. There were to be two boys and two girls, but one of the boys got sick and Jack took care of both of the girls.

Mr. C. Ramage gave an interesting and instructive address on Burns. touching on his life and character, the circumstances which led to the publication and sale of his poems and his rapid rise to fame. He advised a closer study of Burns and the Bible. He lauded the sentiments of the poet as expressed in "The Cotter's Saturday Night," as well as many of his other poems. He counselled forgetfulness in some acts of the author's life, but to cherish what

was good, ennobling and true. There was a little sensation in the audience when Mr. Thomas Moffat made his bow. We were not aware of his ability as a speaker and entertainer. There were others equally ignorant of the treat that coming, but fears were soon set a side as he unravelled his introductory address as a preliminary to a Scottish recital, which he gave in fine form. He appeared as calm as an old political war-horse and had enough of the Scottish "burr" to give a rich flavor to his number.

Mr. J. A. Graham gave a thrill to the audience as he began to unravel himself of an address in Gaelic. He was as cool as a cucumber, and were it not for the audible articulations in an unknown tongue he might easily be mistaken for a picture at the movies. But John was talking just the same; he was gesticulating. too, and the rising and falling inflections of the voice gave evidence of oratory in no small degree. Here and there throughout the audience there were people to stand, seven in the whole audience. Why did they stand? you will ask. That's what we wanted to know, till the speaker explained himself. He said he had been telling us in Gaelic how he happened to be on the platform and had been asking all who understood what he was talking about to signify it by rising to their feet. Only seven did so, but there were others who might sister, Mrs. M. Dolson, R.R. 2, Bramphave. Continuing his address, he re- ton, on February 5, Mrs. Annie gretted to see that the Gaelic lan- Woods, in her 86th year, sister of guage, once the language of the ma- Mrs. Jane McEachern, Egremont. Injority in this locality, was now dying out. The Gaelic to him was the Forest, February 7. language of love and of praise, and a sermon in his mother tongue was a stronger appeal to him than anything that could be rendered in Eng-

Other numbers were, We're All Scottish Here, sung by George Hugill with a choir chorus; a duet, When you come home about 12.30 When the Bonnie Heather's Blooma.m. and find that friend wife has ing, admirably rendered by Misses become peeved because you stayed Beulah Stoneouse and Esther Mcout so late and has taken the kid up Comb; Burns and Scotland Yet, a solo to the front room with her for the by Tom Bell with choir chorus, was night and you can tumble into bed a taking number. Miss Margery

fessionals.

We mustn't omit "Big Dan." Mc-Every day in every way we're be- Donald of Priceville, who was there with the pipes and gave a number of selections. Dan. is always good. 'Nuf said.

Mr. W. Ramage sang, "O A' the Airts the Wind Can Blaw" and though he had no accompaniment he

A good exhibition of Scotch Reel dancing was given by Jack Mc- were leading 6 to 0. Not mention-Gowan, George Hugill, and Misses Vaddie Caldwell and Sadie MacDon-

tionally. It was highly spectacular, good entertainment.

Syne and the National Anthem.

OUR OLD FRIEND HUNTER STILL HAS WINNING HABIT

"George K. Labatt and his three Redmen. aides, James A. Hunter, Louis Covell Northwestern curling association. It Argonaut manager told us was as many matches playing, with learn in Toronto. scarcely time to catch a bite to eat, until last night."

the All Comers' Event, which made the general concensus of opinion is feated by Mr. Hunter's rink were make a rattling good soloist in greatest curier.

The Journal carries a three-col- decisions would scarcely have affect umn cut of the successful rink and ed the result of the game. Offsides the genial Jimmie, "large as life and certainly were the fashion last evtwice as natural," is easily recog- ening.

nizable. enthusiastic golfer and has the distinction of being the only man who has ever occupied the President's chair in the Minneapolis Golf Club for four years. On his retirement from that position this year the Club people, with standing room for about presented him with a sterling silver loving cup valued at \$350 and made him a life member of the association. As he will have no further dues to pay, and, by the way, the dues here are \$88 per year, the honor is doubly acceptable, and as Mr. Hunter is not likely to pass off this mundane sphere for several years yet, the gift of his golfing colleagues has certainly taken on a tangible aspect.

Though growing older in years, we are pleased to note that Mr. Hunter still retains that attribute youth-the ability to enjoy sport and we trust he may be spared for many years to come, increase already large army of friends in the Minnesota metropolis and, incidentally, grab off a few more golf and curling championships.

DIED

Gillies.-In Egremont, on Monday. February 5, Joseph Gillies, aged 64 years, 10 months, 24 days.

Woods .- At the residence of her terment in Woodlawn cemetery, Mt.

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WIARTON BEAT ARGONAUTS IN GAME AT PALMERSTON

Stung again! That is the verdict of about half a hundred fans who went to Palmerston last night to see the game between the Argonauts of Toronto, runners-up in the senior O.H.A. race and Wiarton, who are supposed to have a good chance at porter. the intermediate silverware this year. Wiarton simply made a fool out of the Argo team and at one time ing hockey, some of those Argo players couldn't even skate, and we think we are safe in saying that the Sr., in town, and her parents, Mr. Near the close, nine girls, grown- poorest man on the Wiarton team is us, all dressed in red, presented what faster than the best they had on the appeared to us as the finest drift we Argo outfit. We simply couldn't see ever saw from a Durham platform. any "senior" stuff in that Argo It might be called a skirt drill, or bunch and made it a point to look be otherwise named and would be up the manager after the game and equally suitable for a Scotch con- make a few inquiries. According to cert or a concert by any other na- the manager the Argos are working, or rather playing under difficulties. watched with fixed attention and Bill Box, Lount and two others of was a most fitting climax to any the regular outfit were down with the flu and the Lord knows what The concert closed with Auld Lang ailed two or three others. Of course heard of Dr. Mahan, who is a son-inwe looked sad and sympathized with law of Mrs. N. McIntyre, here. In him, but at the same time were response to a telegram from his sisthinking what a lot of trouble over- ter in Vancouver, Mr. Allie McIntyre takes one or the other of two teams as left Tuesday afternoon for the West We notice by the January 28 issue a rule when they are engaged for an but even the telegram gave no parof The Minneapolis Journal that our exhibition match. Everything from ticulars. old townsman, Mr. J. A. Hunter, for the flu to a fellow's great-grandthe past twenty years a resident of mother having triplets—and it all Minneapolis, Minnesota, is still an happens on the eve of an "exhibiardent curler and this year, as usual, tion" game! Anyway, the much- Jamieson here. Some time later he Gilbert Grierson of Disley, Sask., has broken into the win column with tooted Argo Seniors weren't even a a vengeance. The Journal says: light lunch for the fast Wiarton

From any angle, Wiarton have a wife and daughter moved to Van- was pefrormed by Rev. W. H. Madill, and Walter Poehler were invincible nifty team, and while we don't wish couver. in the 13th annual bonspiel which, them any bad luck, we went to Palcame to an end last night at the Min- that any team that trims them will of the bonspiel and went through to well worth the money. But last feats. Such a sweep of every prize know that Toronto has been hit hard time. open to a rink, with the exception of in the past two weeks with the flu. consolation prizes for which only and of course if it reached out and beaten rinks can compete, is a new grabbed the whole Argonaut team it record in the thirty years of the could not be helped. If what the is all the more remarkable inasmuch simon-pure gospel, they deserve as curlers had agreed before the credit for coming at all, for he told bonspiel started that the entry list us they had a hard time picking up was the most remarkable in years, a team at all and the best they could Labatt started curling in final do was one of the regular Argo playmatches at noon yesterday and ers and a sub., some juniors and a fought his way to three trophies in couple of subs. off another senior years of age.

Our old friend Reube Horning, he of the North Welling Base-Bawl Besides these 18 victories, Mr. League and also of the Northern Hunter's rink won another game in Hickey League was the referee and 19 games in all. Amongst those de- that as a hockey referee he would Dunbar, recognized as the world's church choir. There was nothing at stake, however, and any referee

There was a good crowd present Besides taking an active part in at the Palmerston Arena, though nothe curling life of the Western Am- body was turned away. We would erican city, Mr. Hunter is as well an judge there would be about 800 people in attendance. And Palmerston has a fine arena. The ice surface is we believe 180x80, and the seating accommodation we would estimate will take care of approximately 600 600 more. The big ice surface is lighted with sixteen 500-watt lamps and is almost as bright as day. Down in Palmerston just now when you mention the rink, the citizens start to strut around in the manner of pouter pigeons, and we don't know as we blame them, for we believe they have one of the best rinks in Western Ontario. They have a right to feel proud of it. However, one's impressions so far must be formed from looking at the unfinished product We understand the rink is still far from finished, in fact was got together in a hurry for the opening last hight, and when finished nothing will be wanting to make it the best rink in this part of the country.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. George MacKay is visiting her son, Mr. Frank MacKay, and daughter, Mrs. Gibbs, of Windsor, for week or so.

Rev. T. H. Farr was confined to his home for a few days last week with a heavy cold, says The Kincardine Re-

Mr. Albert Kress is sick at Kincardine and his mother left here Saturday to be with him in his illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reid and son George of Webb, Sask, are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Reid, and Mrs. Robert Eccles in Egremont.

DR. J. W. MAHAN, VANGOUVER, IS REPORTED MISSING

Dr. J. W. Mahan, broker and sportsman, has been missing since Wednesday morning. Dr. Mahan was subject to illness and it is feared that he has met with misadventure.

The above dispatch from Vancouver appeared in Saturday's dailies. and so far, nothing definite has been

time was in practice with Hon. Dy. belle, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Filmore, Sask., and later at Regica. Mr. and Mrs. William Campbell of

For some years back the Dr. has of the immediate relatives. with the exception of four events, merston to see them beaten, knowing been in bad health and once underwent an operation at the Mayo Bros. by her father, wore a beautiful gown neapolis curling club. Labatt's rink have to step some, and that the hospital at Rochester for goitre, and of ivory duchess satin with bertha won the three open events, features game itself will be a good one and for a time was deprived of his and panels of ivory radium lace. She speech as a result. He latterly re- wore the regulation veil of embroidvictory in the grand aggregate stand- night's flasco! The Argos' alibi, on covered his voice, however, but has ered net and carried a bouquet of ings with 18 victories and no de- the other hand, may be all right. We not been in good health for some white carnations. Her only orna-

While here Dr. Mahan took an of the groom. active part in the sports of the town | Following the ceremony, the comand was an enthusiastic baseball pany sat down to a sumptuous dinand lacrosse fan and player. He was ner. In the centre of the table was of a genial disposition and if he ever a three-storey bride's cake, made any bad friends we have never heard of it. He first came to this showers of confetti for Regina, about 1895, when his father occupied bride travelling in a nigger brown. Dr. Mahan would be about 46 or 48 sian lamb and richly embroidered.

A CANADIAN BEAR STORY AS RELATED IN ENGLAND

Here is a Canadian bear story reprinted from the London Times of 1869. The writer was evidently a bit shy on his knowledge of our geography :

sad affair occurred recently in miles from Winnipeg on the main Hay line of the Union Pecific Railway, Butter and not far from the main station at Eggs Hudson's Bay. It appears that a settler named John Shaw, who was president of the Fire, Water and Gas Club, was on his way home from one of its meetings when almost at his own door a hugs grizzly bear sprang upon him from the adjoining forest. The snow at the time was eight feet deep and the thermometer 50 below zero, and the unfortunate man being on snowshoes and armed only with an ordinary shotgun, was unable to cope with the savage beast and consequently was fearfully mangled. His cries, however, brought to the spot some half-breeds who lived in wigwams near the edge of the bush and these, with the help of members of the Fire Club, who had also been attracted by the cries, soon despatched the brute. The bear was found to measure 18 feet from his snout to tip of his tail. Thet own has since the beginning of winter been overrun with bears and it is not safe to venture out at night without a good rifle and a lantern. The unfortunate

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ness and Bad Complexion-in the world.

settler was carried to the hospital at New York, the nearest town, and we are glad to learn is doing as well as can be expected."

CAMPBELL-GRIERSON

A very pretty wedding took piace Dr. Mahan came to Durham about at the home of the bride's parents. twenty-four years ago and for a on January 31, when Rebecca Isawent West and was for a time at was married to Milfred Foster, son of Four or five years ago he and his Moose Jaw, Sask. The ceremony pastor of the bride, in the presence

The bride, who was given away ment was a string of pearls, the gift

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell left amid part of the country, we believe. Moose Jaw, and other points, the the Methodist pulpit at Flesherton. broadcloth suit, trimmed with perwith hat to match.

On their return they will reside on the groom's farm near Bethune.

DURHAM MARKET

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