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Local and District News.

Two dippers for 5c at W. Black's. Lucas, Wright and Batson.—At Durham office Mondays and Court Days. Remember the annual meeting of the Public Library on Friday (to-morrow) night. James Wylie, the famous checker player, known the world over as the "Herd Laddie" died in Glasgow recently. TENNYSON.—The Christian Endeavor had a Tennyson night last Monday, and its success has prompted them to have another literary night before long. MINISTREL SHOW.—The Lime Juice Stock Co. in the Town Hall, Friday night, promises to be entirely successful. Seats have sold rapidly. Nothing like it ever in Durham.

Farmers will do well to take notice that American buyers of Canadian lambs "will only take back lambs at a valuation of at least \$1.00 per cwt. less than for ewe and wether lambs." TOOK FRENCH LEAVE.—An inmate of Bruce House of Refuge asked leave to go to church recently. It was granted, and the bad bad inmate has not returned. Now there will be a search for him (or her) to compel the acceptance of relief.

Elmwood is advertising in the Globe for a chair factory manager who will invest from \$1,500 to \$3,000 in the business himself. The citizens promise \$5000. No question about Elmwood going ahead. Will Durham cut their own throat? Will there be a man vote against Durham's progress on Monday? The Guelph Herald suggests to the promoters of the Electric Railway between Hamilton and Guelph to continue it to Mt. Forest. The company would be wise in its own interests if it extended it to Durham where lots of power could be had, and where some day an east and west electric railway will be built for sure.

A HYGESOME FIND.—Harrison had a sensation last week. The dead body of a man was found at the end of a cutveet about 3 miles east of the town. It seemed to have lain there most of the winter, big snow-drifts preventing its being seen before. It is that of a young laboring man, apparently having been in good health. An inquest was held but the evidence gave no clue as to cause of death. Foul play is suspected, and Harrison people think the body has been brought there.

Warden Chas. Gordon, Owen Sound, was in town last week, having been at the funeral of a relative in Kenilworth. We had the pleasure of a call from him in company with a cousin, Mr. Frost. Mr. Gordon is an enthusiast on the question of municipal aid to industries, and thinks Durham is in a splendid position to help itself by the proposed loan. Owen Sound considers their loans good investments and the guarantees they have of repayment (no better than ours) have proved quite satisfactory.

LIGHTNING'S WORK.—Sunday evening last from 6 to 8 o'clock this district was the centre of an active electric display. A densely black cloud formed in the west streaked at intervals by vivid lightning and an ominous appearance pervaded everything suggesting the approach of a cyclone. It broke at length and a refreshing rain fell. We regret to say however that the lightning caused the loss of Mr. John Hewitson's barn, 3 con, Bentinck. It was insured for \$8000. Not so fortunate was Mr. R. Grierson, whose separator was in the barn, and not being insured, is a total loss. We sympathize with Mr. Grierson. A heavy blow to him. We learn later that Mr. Hewitson lost also a binder, top buggy, cutter, rake, fanning mill, iron harrows and about ten tons of hay.

MARKDALE STANDARD.—The Shelburne Council recently asked for outside tenders for its printing for 1899. There are two well equipped and ably managed newspaper offices in Shelburne and the Standard considers it a small piece of business either to solicit outside competition—so long as the work can be done properly at home—or for an outside office to submit a tender in reply to such invitation. The following sentiments are sound—"The late Hon. David Davis wrote," "Each year every local paper gives from \$500 to \$5000 in free lines for the benefit of the community. No other agency can or will do this. The editor in proportion to his means, does more for his town than any other ten men, and in all fairness, man with man, he ought to be supported, because a local paper is the best investment a community can make. Editors do more work for less pay than any man on earth."

Read Burnet's new ad. on page 8. First meeting of the Court of Revision for Artemesia Township will be held on Saturday June 3, 1899.

JUST ARRIVED.—One carload of wire nails, half carload of axle grease and tinware at W. Black's.

Mr. J. W. Brown late teacher in Hanover, succeeded in passing successfully his examination at Queen's University.

If you have catarrh, don't dally with local remedies, but purify and enrich your blood with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

The covering of a street water tank gave way last week in Harrison, happily without accident. Inspection of supporting timbers of our own from time to time would not be amiss.

Mr. Arthur Laidlaw will represent our lacrosse club in Hanover to-morrow (Friday) and arrange the schedule of games. The league will be composed of Walkerton, Chesley, Hanover, Durham and Warton.

The election of officers in the Epworth League of the Methodist Church, Monday night resulted as follows: Pres. Rev. Mr. Ferguson; 1st Vice Pres. J. P. Whelan; 2nd V. P. Miss Amy Wright; 3rd V. P. Miss Orchard; 4th V. P. A. McClocklin; Secy. Miss Fox; Treas. W. A. MacFarlane.

BENTINCK ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR 1899.—Mr. Black, Assessor, returned his roll to the Clerk on Saturday, the 22nd day of April inst. The following is a summary of it:—Number of ratepayers 1,540, number of acres assessed 74,935, assessment of lands \$1,288,330, assessment of personal property \$12,200, total assessment \$1,300,530, number of persons in family 4,521, number of cattle 6,347, number of hogs 3,083, number of sheep 4,107, number of horses 1,675, acres of woodland 13,350, acres of orchard 422, acres of swamp and waste land 16,987, acres of fall wheat 4,647, number of children between 5 and 16 years 1143, number of children between 3 and 14 years 642, number of children between 13 and 21 years 277.—Hanover Post.

THE PLEBISCITE.—Any one interested in the mass of figures contained in the "Report on the Prohibition Plebiscite" just received at our office, can be gratified by calling. It is a volume of 312 pages and contains the vote for and against at every polling place in the Dominion. The total majority we may repeat was 13,916 but there was a double vote in the city of St. John N. B. of 1530 which makes the true total 12,286. The vote in Quebec, except in the Eastern Townships, with their Anglo Saxon population, shows a leggerly leanness in the "For" column. A strange commentary on race ideals. Only at 3 polling places in the whole Co. of Grey, was there not a vote against prohibition, two of them in E. Grey, the other was Hutton's Hill, Bentinck. It is surprising how many errors in addition have been made by returning officers of the various ridings. These are pointed out.

PHONOGRAPHY.—We have before referred to the good work done and being done by the Commercial class under Mr. Hart. We were pleased last week to receive a type-written letter from A. R. McIntyre, one of his pupils, which in execution is fully equal to the average business letter. Mr. Hart in presenting us with the letter states that the progress made is very commendable, and the sample letter before us, taken down in shorthand, and reproduced on the typewriter by the pupils confirms his statement, seeing the school only began on January 16th last. The course consists of shorthand, typewriting, business correspondence and book keeping, and the matter of the letter presents able argument of the benefit accruing from a knowledge of these branches, and of the mental development produced by their practice. Anyone wishing to see this letter may be gratified by calling. We wish space would permit us to publish it in full.

Honor Roll of Durham School for April. Sr. 5th—Allie Blackburn, Hannah Lawrence, Walter Willis, Franc Davidsen and Iva Hyndman, Archie Hunter, Jr. 5th—Nellie Moran, Ethel Linn, Eva Mockler, Annie Lawrence, Laura Hutton and Fred Anderson eq. Sr. 4th—Jessie Laidlaw, Maud Irwin, Maggie Hutton, Grace Everit, Susie McClocklin, Jr. 4th—Esdon Wolfe, Nathan Swallow, Jas. Williams, Andy Williams, Ailie Gun, Sr. 3rd—Mary McKay, Llewellyn Moran, Wagnetta Stover, Willie Buchan, Willie McKay, Jr. 3rd—Hugh McCrie, Harry Vollet, Alice Ramage, Daisy Blackburn, and Jas. McClocklin eq. Jean Kilmer, Sr. 2nd—Frossard Benton, Arthur Kinsey, John Lloyd, Willie Laidlaw, Alister McDonald, Jr. 2nd—Eddie Innes, John Renton, Annie Daniels, Bertha Gadd, Ellen Braithwaite and John Nedigar eq. Sr. A. (pt 2)—Albert McClocklin, Fannie Moran, Bessie Todd and Effie Barclay eq. Emma Gadd and Flint Hind eq. Jr. A. (pt 2) Beatrice Wilson, Lizzie Kinzie, Robbie Laidlaw, Jas. McLean, Pearl Murdoch, Jr. B. (pt 2) Ella Kinnee, Marion Currie, Tommy Holt, Doyle Braithwaite, Nellie Becker, Sr. 1st—Mel. McKay, Annie Aljoe, John Vollet and Maggie Mitchell eq. Hazel Guthrie, Ruby Kinley and Geo. Park eq. Intermediate—Willie Gadd and Willie McCrie eq. John Davidson, Jr. Intermediate—Fred Torry, Lewis Lavelle, Jr. B.—Melissa Hazen, Louis Cliff.

WHAT WILL MONDAY BRING FORTH?

A Turning Day for Durham.

On Friday night last a public meeting was held in the Town Hall to discuss the By-law now before the people. Unanimity was the watchword of the hour, all who spoke not only supporting it, but doing so most warmly. There can be no doubt that the evidence of the success of the venture is beyond question, unless all faith in the integrity and veracity of our fellow townsman who have given the matter careful consideration is to be abandoned.

The five townsmen who at present form the Company and who have secured a charter are Messrs. Dr. Jamieson, M. P. P., Wm. Laidlaw, N. McIntyre, Con. Knapp and J. W. Crawford. Each of them have subscribed \$500 in the meantime.

It has been asserted that these men are in it for speculation. So one of the speakers alleged on Friday night, Surely this is a most ungenerous charge. They are men of ourselves, having a property stake here. They have repeatedly declared their motive to be the good of the town, and have offered to retire in favor of anyone who will take the same stand. They have only, it is true, subscribed \$2500, and they will be denied the privilege of voting because they have not been placed on the paper. Instead of five there could have been 50 names, but it would then have been impossible or difficult to secure the requisite proportion of the voting power to fulfil the law. Instead of aspersions, the five men should, it seems to us, be honored by their fellows for the stand they have taken in the interest of the town.

But it is the interest of the town all are anxious to safeguard, and the five men, who have stepped into the breach guaranteed, and they are safe in doing so, that before one cent of town money is accepted, the stock sheets will show \$10,000 anyway. We believe it will be more.

Besides this which the town will have for security the company when formed will give a first lien on building and plant so that the town is doubly secured.

If these five directors chose to make such an offer public there would not be lacking many municipalities that would at once close with them. Will Durham, that knows them, cast one vote against the by-law, which is meant on good security to further its best interests?

The annual cost of the loan to the town it was clearly shown would not be \$900. The average rate necessary to meet the interest would be about three-quarters of a mill on the dollar, which would mean on every \$100 assessment, 7 1/2 cts, or on \$1000 only 75 cts.

But this supposes that the assessment of the town remains as at present while the fact is that with a factory agoing many new buildings would be erected, and a general progressiveness ensue that assessment would be bound to go up, and practically the town would not be in one whit worse position than today with the added advantage of a live industry amongst them, distributing about one thousand dollars per month in wages. Mr. N. McIntyre has publicly stated that he will increase the assessment by \$5000 at least in new buildings, while Mr. Laidlaw and others announce their intention of building should the industry go on.

It is not simply a majority that is wanted, it is unanimity. Some say the retired farmers will vote against it. We fail to see how they will benefit by opposing a progressive policy, and cannot believe it till we see it. As for business men it would indeed be an extraordinary position for them to oppose it and we have no such expectation.

This town has come to the parting of the ways: let us take the forward way. With the light that has been shed on all the proceedings, all the promises, all the prospects, a vote against the by-law on Monday next would seem an impossibility except by an enemy of the town. A divided Durham in the past has worked no small harm to the place and now with unanimity so practically with us, it would be an omen of a bright future if it could be consummated.

A CHAPTER OF ACCIDENTS.—On Tuesday Master Arthur Allan while out fishing made a slip on a log and had his eyelid seriously cut. Master Lloyd Bean was attacked by a dog near the Bakery, Tuesday and getting him down made a gash in the calf of his leg which had to be sewed up. He will be a prisoner for a while. The dog has been shot. Mr. Parker had a nasty slip off the sidewalk a few days ago which he yet feels.

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PERSONAL MENTION

Miss Culbertson spent Sunday at Mr. Leeson's, Varney.

Mr. Charles Ryan, of Mount Forest, Sundayed at his home here.

Miss Lena Wolfe was home Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. J. G. Little, of Guelph, will officiate in the Presbyterian church here next Sunday.

Mr. B. H. Townsend and Wah Lee spent Sunday in Owen Sound. "Wah" now wears a broad smile.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Batson, of Markdale, spent Monday pleasantly with friends in town.

Miss S. A. Coleridge, of Dromore, paid a brief visit to her sister, Mrs. Ramage, this week.

Mr. J. G. Orchard, coal and wood dealer of London, spent a day last week at his uncle's, Mr. S. Orchard's.

Mrs. McRae and daughter, Miss Georgie, are home from Hamilton, and have taken up their residence here again.

Mr. Arthur Laidlaw is home from his examinations at the School of Applied Science, Toronto. We had the pleasure of seeing some of the work done there: intricate bridge drawings, strength of timbers, and elaborate constructive drawings of various kinds required in practical work, which are a revelation as to neatness and exactness. Lettering, and every detail is almost perfect. Next session his course is entirely in electricity. Our young townsman is showing marked aptitude for higher study, and success must follow his push.

I. O. F. FAREWELL.

The following is the address presented to Mr. R. Meredith by his brethren of the I. O. F. before his departure for Regina: Dear Sir and Brother:

It was with sincere regret that we heard of your intended departure from our town, therefore before you leave we take the present opportunity of expressing to you, in some slight way our appreciation of your valuable services to our noble Order, and to Court Durham in particular.

Not long after you were received into the ranks of the I. O. F., the members of Court Durham showed their confidence in your integrity and their appreciation of your executive ability by appointing you to the very responsible position in the Court of Financial Secretary. This office you filled for the past nine years with credit to yourself and with honor to the society.

However the time has come when we are about to lose your valuable services. We therefore consider the present occasion a fit and proper time to express to you in a way more tangible than words, our esteem of you as a man, a citizen and a Forester. We would now request you to accept this watch chain and chain as a memento of the many true and kind brethren in Court Durham, who have known you and appreciated your noble character and gentlemanly deportment, and who hope you may be long spared to wield such an influence for good in your new field of labor, as you have always, both as a citizen and a Forester exerted in the past.

Yours fraternally in L. B. & C. Signed on behalf of Court Durham.

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