

Hopeville.

Last week an old man over 80 years of age who lives at this village was trying to find out the names of some boys or rather young men, who in going home one night endeavored to break in his house. This is had that an old man cannot be left alone but subject to such rough conduct of a bad sort who come to our village.

Miss Ida Scarlett has left for her place in the States.

On Sunday the 14th our church opening anniversary of the Presbyterian church was held by services in the morning by Rev. Mr. McDonald and in the evening by Mr. Kenald of Knox College now stationed at Conn, at the evening services the church was packed full by visitors from other congregations. Miss Patterson, of Cedarville presided at the organ.

On Monday the 15th the tea-meeting was a great success. The tables in the basement were loaded with the best eatables our Proton ladies could provide and that could not be beat in any township gathering. As the inner man was served, the people were conducted to the church which was soon filled until there was hardly standing room. The Rev. Mr. McDonald the pastor officiated as chairman and opened the meeting with a neat little speech and welcomed the several ministers and others here. Miss Patterson rendered some choice music on the organ and that splendid Methodist choir from Dundalk were present and gave choice pieces of music and singing at intervals between the speaking. The following gentlemen was present and spoke in the order as here named: Rev. D. Buchanan of Dundalk, Humphreys, of Priceville, Matheson, of Priceville, Morrison, of Cedarville, Mr. Peter McGregor, of Dundalk. These speakers all spoke of a united christian spirit among the people of the christian churches and gave good lively addresses which were listened to with marked attention. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the several speakers, the choir, the organist, and the chairman. Thus ended a grand entertainment by the audience rising and singing "God Save our Queen". On account of such a large quantity of provisions being left over it was announced that another entertainment would be held there on Wednesday 17th after the congregation meeting. The congregational meeting was held at 7:30 o'clock p. m. Mr McDonald again presiding. The managers committee report was received, the books audited and everything was transacted in a satisfactory manner and our managers have cleared off all the debt on this new church and all is now paid in about two years the church was built and now paid for and what is the best everything went along pleasantly and not an unpleasant word to mar the good christian feeling that existed among these people of Esplan church. The night's entertainment was a success and the church was again well filled after their good tea and Rev Mr McDonald in taking the chair made the speech of the evening. Miss Tasker presided at the organ and rendered some very select pieces intervals between the little speeches of the home talent, chiefly the managing committee. Mr and Mrs Joseph Love sang some very nice pieces in their usual pleasant style. The usual vote of thanks was passed to those who rendered services and aid to the entertainment and the announcement was made that the amount of money raised, without any subscription, including the Sunday collection, Monday's tea-meeting and Wednesday amounted to \$100. The people of the Esplan church express their thanks to the other congregations and particularly the Methodist people for their kind assistance in helping them in this church.

On Thursday evening last Mr. John Milligan got a surprise, when several sleigh loads of the youth and beauty of Hampden drove up to his residence and after all had got nicely inside, proceeded to read an address to him and presented him with an elegant fur coat and gauntlets. After a good supply of refreshments had been served, a happy time was spent in playing games, music etc.

Spain's Greatest Need. Mr. R. P. Olivia, of Barcelona, Spain spends his winters at Aiken, S. C. Weak nerves had caused severe pains in the back of his head. On using Electric Bitters, America's greatest Blood and Nerve Remedy, all pain soon left him. He says this grand medicine is what his country needs. All America knows that it cures liver and kidney trouble, purifies the blood, tones up the stomach, strengthens the nerves, puts vim, vigor and new life into every muscle, nerve and organ of the body. If weak, tired or ailing you need it. Every bottle guaranteed, only 50 cents. Sold by our Druggists.

MURDOCH. Mr and Mrs Jas Gordon and Mr and Mrs R J Eden visited at Mr D Long a week ago Sunday.

Mr Ed Johnston has returned home after attending the funeral of his father.

Mr Chas McKinnon has a number of men and teams employed in taking out wood.

Mrs A Chapman is again in a low state of health. Dr Freil is in attendance, but her disease being of so serious a nature improvement is but slow.

Mr Jas Eden has a severe attack of Sciatic in his knee and so far has been unable to obtain anything to in anyway relieve the pain. We hope he will receive a remedy soon.

Miss Jennie Gordon is at present engaged in learning tailoring with Mr Kedsley in Holstein.

Mr Jas McLaughlin intends having a wood bee Tuesday afternoon.

Mr Richard B Irvine and Mr James Morrison of Grenfell, N. W. T. are at present visiting friends and old acquaintances. They report times good out West.

Rev Mr Ryan is making preparations for a concert to be held in the school house in the near future. The proceeds will be sent along with the proceeds obtained from other concerts of a like nature for the benefit of the wives and children of the Soldiers who are at present engaged in the South Africa war.

Miss Minnie Ball is visiting her sister Mrs Geo Pollock of Murdoch P. O. We are sorry to report Mr Dickson is again unable to take charge of his school on account of ill health.

An Enterprising Firm. There are few men more wide awake and enterprising than our druggists who spare no pains to secure the best of everything in their line for their many customers. They now have the Agency for Dr. King's New Discovery, which surely cures Consumption, Coughs and Colds. This is the wonderful remedy that is now producing so much excitement all over the country, by its many startling cures. It absolutely cures Asthma, Bronchitis, Nausea and all affections of the Throat, Chest and Lungs. You can test it before buying, by calling at the drug store and get a trial Bottle Free, or regular size for 50c and \$1.00. Guaranteed to cure, or price refunded.

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\$1000 Worth of White Wear FOR SALE.

—SEE OUR NORTH WINDOW THIS WEEK.—

This is an odd time of year to sell Ladies White Wear, but owing to the very sharp advance in prices last week, we find we can retail our large stock now almost as cheaply as we can buy it wholesale. This is the largest stock of Women's, Misses and Children's White Wear ever imported into Durham. In fact it is large enough for three ordinary stores, but we anticipated the rise in price and bought before it took place. Our trade in this department has increased wonderfully. Call and see our stock and buy now, if you have to borrow the money to do so, as our prices must go higher.

Ready-made Skirts at 35c each.
" Drawers, 25c pr.
" Chemise, 25c each
Fancy White Night-Gowns, nicely embroidered at \$1.00 each, others at 50c each.

Ready-made Wrappers, neat patterns 75c.
Short Girl's Dresses, age 8 to 8, 40c.
Boy's Blouses, 50c each.
White Aprons 20c each.

These are some of the lowest in price. We will be pleased to show you our extra assortment. Buy now before prices go up.

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A Village In Itself.

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THE BIG STORE

New Year is Here!

And fresh Groceries for the festive season have just arrived. Call and test our Canned Goods, and other supplies suitable for the holiday trade.

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OUR BOOTS AND SHOES ARE ALWAYS TO THE FRONT.

Highest Price paid for all kinds of Produce.

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Weak and Impure Blood, Liver and Kidney Diseases, Female Complaints, etc.

Ask druggist or write direct to J. M. MACLEOD, Goderich, Ont. Sold by H. Parker, Druggist, Durham.

NORMANBY COUNCIL.

The newly elected council for the Township of Normanby for the year 1900, viz: R. Morice as reeve, J. Dreier, Wm. O'Reilly, Wm. Gardiner and Louis Brusso as councillors met pursuant to statute on Monday, January 8th. The members took and subscribed the declaration of office and qualifications and organized themselves as a council. Thos. Duignan and C. Heise were appointed auditors; M. Murray, assessor A. Pietsch, J. Hawkins, J. J. Weinert, M. H. Mearns, T. Stephenson and D. Halliday, collectors; Mrs. Welsh, caretaker of town hall, salaries the same as last year. M. O. McGregor re-appointed township solicitor, Wm. H. Ryan, member local board of health, P. McLean, medical health officer, Jas. Edwards, sanitary inspector. By-laws passed to confirm these appointments. P. Skelly to have use of the town hall under same conditions as in former years.

The following accounts ordered to be paid: Clerk to pay expenses of late Municipal election, \$56.20; Mrs. Welsh salary in advance as caretaker of town hall, \$12; E. Quance, seven weeks keep of widow Weigel, \$10.50; M. Wiley as charity \$3; D. Davidson, Sec.-Treas. Hospital for sick children, Toronto, donation, \$5; Wm. Owens 40 yards gravel taken by F. Campbell p. m., \$3; C. Miller, 28 4-inch tiles for culvert, Arthur street in Ayton, 45 cents; councillors for services at meeting of date \$12.00.

Council will meet again on Wednesday the 14th day of February in town hall to receive auditors' report and for transaction of general business.

GEO. HOFF, CLERK.
Ayton Advance.

South Egremont.

Since our last budget the grim messenger has been busy in our midst, the first being Mr. John Archers of the 8th con near Cedarville, at the age of 78 yrs. Deceased was born at Durham, and lived for some time at Guelph. He moved to these parts some 35 years ago, and was unmarried. The funeral was largely attended.

Mr. M. McPhee (Mr. Archers' next neighbor) after a few days illness, died of neuralgia of the heart, aged 48 years. He leaves a wife but no family. Rev's Morrison and McDonald officiated.

While a wood bee was in progress on the farm of J. Hunter, con. 10, last Tuesday, James Robb dropped dead, heart trouble being the supposed cause. Deceased had been complaining of a slight pain in his side a few days previous, but the day of his death he was feeling better. He ate a hearty dinner and was enjoying himself with the boys. He was working one of the saws when he dropped, and had just remarked to his companion that the others would best then if they did not get a move on. A Dr. was called but could not do anything. Deceased was 23 years of age. The funeral left his mother's residence, Mt. Forest, and was largely attended. Deceased was a general favorite. Rev. Haunat officiated.

Conn. McQueen's little boy is now out of danger after a tussle with diphtheria.

Conn. Robb and R. Henry attended the wedding of Mr. Henry's sister in north Egremont.

Miss Maggie McEachern left last Tuesday for Toronto where she will remain for some time.

A BUSINESS EDUCATION AT HOME.

Clerks, Mechanics and others who would like to get a Business Education but who have not the time to attend College should get good Books on BUSINESS SUBJECTS and study at home, during the long winter evenings. THE

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has published a series of BUSINESS BOOKS which are not only suitable for use in the N. B. C. but are excellent for home study. Subjects: Bookkeeping, Commercial Law, Correspondence, Commercial Arithmetic and Mensuration. Also shorthand text-books. Write for descriptive book circular to

C. A. FLEMING,
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Almost a MIRACLE

OTTAWA, Sept. 9th, 1896.
To the Phenoline Medicine Co., Ltd. Ottawa.

GENTLEMEN.—I hardly know how best to express my appreciation of your valuable rheumatic remedy, Phenoline. My son Gordon, who is 19 years old, has been a sufferer from inflammatory rheumatism for the past two years; was so bad at times that he had to be carried about on a mattress; was attended by two city doctors apparently without the slightest benefit; spent 10 days at Caledonia Springs, came home with no marked improvement; took three bottles of a Homeopathic remedy now being extensively advertised, which did not relieve him in the least. I was beginning to give up all hope of his recovery, when by chance I mentioned the case to a friend who strongly advised me to give Phenoline a trial.

I did so, with the result that when my boy had taken only half a bottle he was able to get on his bicycle and ride like any other boy around the block.

I certainly feel that I cannot say too much in praise of your medicine, and shall do all I can to make known its value to others. Yours very sincerely,
(Signed) REUBEN CLARK.

For sale by H. PARKER, Durham

Farm to Rent.

THE undersigned offers for rent for a term of years, his farm near the Rob Roy Hotel, being lots 9 and 10 Con. 1, N. D. R. Glenelg. The farm is at present all seeded down and is in good heart for cultivation, convenient to school and post office. Apply on the premises, or to A. C. Beaton on lot to the east, or to A. S. Hunter, Durham.

HUGH CAMPBELL,
Proprietor.
Nov. 13, 1899.

HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE.

The undersigned offers for sale or to rent that convenient and comfortable brick house with lot one block north of the New Factory and opposite Mr Crawford's residence. Stable, furnace, &c. At reasonable terms as the proprietor is moving away. Apply on the premises.

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IS RELIABLE HARNESS. We want you to know we handle everything in the Harness line. Harness that is durable and fits a horse comfortably, will bring profit to you in the greater amount of work he will do.

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is successfully used monthly by over 70,000 Ladies. Safe, effective. Ladies ask your Druggist for Cook's Cotton Root Compound. Take no other, as all mixtures, pills and imitations are dangerous. Price, 50c per box; No. 2, 10 doses, 1.00 per box. No. 1, 25 doses, 2.50 per box. No. 1 and No. 2, 50 doses, 5.00 per box. No. 1 and No. 2, 100 doses, 10.00 per box. No. 1 and No. 2, 200 doses, 20.00 per box. No. 1 and No. 2, 500 doses, 50.00 per box. No. 1 and No. 2, 1000 doses, 100.00 per box. No. 1 and No. 2, 2000 doses, 200.00 per box. No. 1 and No. 2, 5000 doses, 500.00 per box. No. 1 and No. 2, 10000 doses, 1000.00 per box. No. 1 and No. 2, 20000 doses, 2000.00 per box. No. 1 and No. 2, 50000 doses, 5000.00 per box. No. 1 and No. 2, 100000 doses, 10000.00 per box. No. 1 and No. 2, 200000 doses, 20000.00 per box. No. 1 and No. 2, 500000 doses, 50000.00 per box. No. 1 and No. 2, 1000000 doses, 100000.00 per box. No. 1 and No. 2, 2000000 doses, 200000.00 per box. 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