

## New Advertisements This Week.

Notice—Peter Adamson.  
Strayed Colt—J. Acheson, Jr.  
Card of Thanks—James A. Reid.  
Farm for Sale—Davidson & Johnson.  
Fire Insurance Co. Meeting—R. Murray.

## NEWS ABOUT HOME.

A child's amazing eye takes notes  
An affair he'll never let go.

## TOWN TOPICS.

Some men worry about elections, but Geo. Stewart devotes all his time to turn out the best photos.

The recent change in the weather demonstrated that winter was still abroad in the land. F. & Pridmore's is the spot to get suits to withstand the effects of cold.

The Privy Council may declare that the McCarthy Act is unconstitutional, but no good judge of art can say that R. Kallow's photographs are not perfect gems.

In order to clear out their present stock of stoves, previous to making a proposed change, Saunders & Son will offer bargains in cooking and heating stoves. All other lines cut close. The cheapest home under the sun.

Bert Smith has returned to Woodstock College.

Ernest Malcomson left for Hamilton on Saturday.

The Provincial Treasurer was in town during the week.

George Cathcart, printer, was in town during the holidays.

G. N. Davis spent New Year's day in Clinton, the guest of his brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Tanner spent New Year's day with relatives in town.

John McCallum, who has been living in Sarnia, has returned to Goderich.

William Rothwell, of Galt, was visiting relatives in town the past few days.

Chas. Seager left on Saturday for Port Dover to be present at the funeral of his father.

Mrs. McWilliams, who is visiting in town, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Newcombe.

The Feast of the Circumcision (New Year's day) was solemnly celebrated at St. Peter's.

S. Duncan, died in bed on Friday, and was buried on Saturday. Poor Duncan's crime was poverty.

Mr. Bradford, of London, spent New Year's day with his relatives, Mr. and Mrs. T. Sowerby.

Wm. Gooding, who spent a pleasant fortnight with friends in town, returned to Saginaw on Monday.

Miss Gillyatt, of Wyoming, is spending her holidays in town, the guest of Capt. and Mrs. Lawson.

The address of the carrier boys of the Chatham Bank was one of the neatest things we have seen in this line.

There was very little "calling" done on New Year's day. There was no snow, and consequently no sleighing.

J. R. Miller, P.S.I., returned on Saturday from a trip to Pennsylvania, whither he had gone to attend an A. O. U. W. meeting.

David Cassaday and wife, of Blenheim township, have been visiting relatives and friends in this section during the past couple of weeks.

A handsome carpet of emerald hue adorned the sanctuary of St. Peter's church on Wednesday, when the feast of the Epiphany was celebrated.

Joseph Quick, of Karm's organ factory, Woodstock, spent a few days of the Christmas week in town the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gavin Struthers.

F. W. Johnston, who ate his Christmas dinner in Sarnia, was favorably impressed with the waterworks and the electric light in that pushing town.

I. O. O. F. ENTERTAINMENT.—The Oddfellows have secured Lawson, the elocutionist, for Monday, the 26th, when an excellent programme is promised.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Cropper, of Brussels, were in town during the week, having been called hither by the death of their brother-in-law, George Grant.

The trustees of Victoria street Methodist church thankfully acknowledge subscriptions to the church debt from Miss Wynne, Mr. James Saunders and Mr. F. Smith.

Miss McCormack, an accomplished pianiste, of London, and daughter of the popular confectioneer of that city, spent some time lately with her relatives Mr. and Mrs. T. Sowerby.

A toboggan slide 160 feet long has been erected at Buffalo Driving Park. The slide was built by T. W. Savage, formerly of Goderich, and the city papers speak highly of the work.

Dr. Nicholson, L.D.S., the West street dentist, makes a preservation of the natural teeth the specialty. Gas administered every day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the painless extraction of teeth.

We are indebted to Miss O'Neill, of Hamilton street, for a pretty button-hole bouquet. The panny was plucked in the garden on the 4th of January, and was perhaps the earliest of the season.

FEEL MILL.—Morrow & Stirling have their feed mill in running order again. Farmers, teamsters, livermen, etc., will find it pay to patronize the feed mill. The owners are bound to give satisfaction.

The father of Mrs. Samuel Pollock, of Goderich, recently died in Scotland, and her brother, Mr. Tweedie, of Dakota, is on his way to Goderich to look after the interests of the heirs on this side of the Atlantic.

That old veteran, Saml. Pollock, dropped into our office and paid his thirty-fourth annual subscription to THE SIGNAL in advance. The SIGNAL likes the old standbys, and the old standbys like THE SIGNAL.

The business of the late George Grant will be managed by James Heale, who for several years was chief clerk in the store. Mr. Heale is a young man of excellent business habits, and the charge could not be placed in better hands.

The S. S. anniversary of North street Methodist church will be celebrated next Sunday and Monday evening. The preacher of Sunday, and chief speaker of Monday evening, will be Rev. W. F. Campbell, of Preston, brother of the pastor.

The town band serenaded a number of our best-known citizens on New Year's day, and met with a good reception. This band is now a credit to the town. It is composed of most respectable young men, and is in every way worthy of patronage.

## J. A. Taylor is the guest of his uncle Dr. Taylor.

Mr. Taylor has retired from the teaching profession, and is residing upon the work of the ministry. He still has a warm spot in his heart for Goderich High School and its excellent staff of teachers.

A. M. Taylor, of the law office of Blake, Lash, &c., paid a flying visit to Goderich on Tuesday. Archie, although a resident of the Queen City, still takes a keen interest in Huron affairs. He is a votary in this county, as he owns property in East-Huron.

I. O. O. F.—At the last meeting of Huron Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 62, held on Thursday, Dec. 31st, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Bro. F. P. Lawrence, N.G.; B. Sauls, V.G.; Geo. J. Green, R.S.; Geo. Stiven, P.S.; N. Campbell, treas.

Philo White, at one time a prominent business man of Lucknow, and well known in Goderich, suddenly left that village twelve years ago, and nothing was heard of him until a week ago, when word was received of his death in West Berkeley, California. His wife and family are still living in Lucknow.

On Christmas day, at Stratford, Louisa Ann, relict of the late Mark Wade, and mother of E. E. Wade, of Brussels, passed out of time after a long and severe illness, aged 67 years. The remains were brought here Monday afternoon and interment was made in the Brussels cemetery.—[Brussels Post.

Dr. John Hincks, of Manistee, spent the holiday season at his old home, Rose Garland Cottage, and has returned to Manistee accompanied by his wife, who had been an invalid from a severe rheumatic attack, and has returned almost recovered after being the guest of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Porter, Bayfield road, for some months.

C. E. T. S.—The regular monthly open meeting of St. George's branch, which would have fallen on Monday evening next, will be held in the school room on Wednesday 13th, at 7.30. The change is to allow all an opportunity of hearing Dr. Sexton in Knox church. A more than usually interesting programme is being prepared. Admission, as usual, free. All are invited.

A VER DAY.—Monday last, January 4th, was a day of almost continuous rain. The municipal elections were held on that day, and in the country the roads were as soft as a Tory government contract. For a mid-winter day, it was a very rainy one. Towards night it turned to snow. The first four days of January resembled April weather rather than that of the cold winter month.

While boring for water on the farm of John Foyre, lot 25, concession 5, Mc Gillivray, New Year's day, a vein of surface coal oil was struck at a depth of 175 feet, 15 feet in the rock—an oil bearing series. The gas forced obstructions to the height of 40 feet above the surface, and when ignited burned for three hours. The location is six miles from Parkhill, and there is great excitement over the discovery.

The St. Mary's Argus says—"Mr. J. E. Turner of Stratford, formerly of the Collegiate Institute staff of this town, is well understood, an applicant for the Public School Inspectorship of South Huron. Mr. Tom has had ample experience in the art of teaching, and being an untiring worker, he would, we feel sure, make an admirable Inspector. There are two good men to choose from in Messrs. Turnbull and Tom. The one is a Liberal and the other is a Conservative; but the morals of each are sound. The school inspectorship should be given only to men of the highest moral standing. While preferring Mr. Turnbull, we would not raise any objection to Mr. Tom.

LECTURE.—Edward Carswell lectured on "Laughing" on New Year's night in Victoria Opera House to an audience of a rather intelligent character. David Fisher occupied the chair. The lecturer is a good speaker, tells a story in capital style, and for ever and ever will keep his hearers in a roar. The lecturer towards the close of his effort grew more serious, and made very able appeals for Christianity and the Home. The general verdict was that the lecture was satisfactory. We are glad to learn that the Victoria street Methodist church, under whose patronage the lecture appeared, found the event a paying one. The people of the town are under obligations to the energetic young pastor for his efforts to bring able lecturers here.

Rev. George Sexton, M. A., LL.D., the celebrated English lecturer, will preach in the Victoria street Methodist church on Sunday next, morning and evening. He will lecture in Knox church on Monday evening, subject, "The Man Who Shall Be Like Adam," and on Tuesday evening in the Victoria street, subject, "Prayer; its Relation to Science, Natural Law and Modern Thought." The expense of bringing this eminent lecturer to Goderich is great, and as no fixed charge is made, it is to be hoped that the collections on all occasions will be liberal. The London Advertiser says: "The pulpit of St. Andrew's church yesterday morning was filled by Rev. Geo. Sexton, a member of the British Science Association. His sermon was pronounced a masterpiece of pulpit oratory, and was full of power, force and convincing truths."

SCIDEN DEATH.—George Grant, grocer, died suddenly on New Year's day, about 8 o'clock p. m. He had been about as usual, and during the afternoon had been out shooting. For several years he had been suffering from a lung affection, and an sudden hemorrhage of the lungs carried him off on Friday five minutes after the attack. He was sitting in his chair at the time. The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon and was largely attended. Maitland lodge No. 33, A. F. and A. M., of which lodge deceased was a member, took charge of the obsequies. The Ven. Archdeacon Elwood and Rev. W. Johnston conducted the service at the house, and the Ven. Archdeacon at the cemetery. The Masonic service was read by the W. M. Bro. C. A. Humber. Bro. Joseph Beck acted as marshal, and Bro. Jordan Butler, Robert Henderson, Jas. Clarke, Dr. Nicholson and Capt. McArthur as pall bearers. The members of Maitland lodge, and the Gun Club of which deceased was president, each laid handsome wreaths on the coffin in memoriam.

## DEATH OF A NUN.—Sister Mary Perpetua, died at St. Joseph's Convent, Toronto, on the morning of the 26th ult., in the 29th year of her age. She was born in the township of Adala, of Dublin and Goderich. Sister Perpetua had been ailing since June last, and it was not until October that hope of her ultimate recovery was abandoned. With that happy peace begotten of her gentleness and humility, Sister Perpetua passed to the reward of her good deeds on earth. To a cultivated mind Sister Perpetua added fine administrative capacity; and during the 11 years of her conventual life she labored effectively, nor thought any sacrifice too great in the accomplishment of her mission.—[Irish Canadian.

TELEPHONE PATENT CASE DECISION.—The Public will see by the correspondence from Ottawa this week that the decision of the Supreme Court, in the case of the Bell Telephone Co. of Canada, has been given by the Deputy Minister of Agriculture in favor of the patentees. The Bell Company officials say that this is quite enough for their purpose in suits for infringing their patents, and once push the case now before the courts, and probably issue a fresh batch of writs at once if necessary. They say that nearly all the opposition Companies and Exchanges, little and big, which have been started during the opposition excitement by the Bell Company, are already being sold out by the Sheriff or otherwise failed for various reasons not connected with the patents, but that they are determined to stamp out any remnants of infringement that may be discovered.

CLEANING A SALT WELL.—In August last the tubing of the salt well at Exeter was lost. The well had been running for a few years, and the company was anxious to get the tubing to work again. Several men who claimed large experience in Pennsylvania and Petrolia, one of whom was managing the works, undertook to get the tubing, but after working for four months had to give up the job in despair. They said the obstructions could not be cleared, and it looked as if the well would have to be abandoned. Before giving up all hope Mr. W. T. McMillan, of Goderich, was applied to, and after ten days work he got the tubing, cleaned the well out sufficiently to work it, and rejoiced the hearts of the managers by getting them brine of the desired strength, and leaving it in good running order. Mr. McMillan ought to feel proud of his feat, as it now looks as if the Pennsylvania and Petrolia will have to take a back seat. Mr. McMillan, is manager of the Messrs Kidd's salt wells, and has, we understand, been fourteen years in their employ. He seems to understand his business.

DUNGANNON.—The teaming in connection with the Methodist S. S. here on New Year's night is considered the most successful one ever held. The church was most densely packed. The chair was occupied by Rev. J. Turner, and addresses were given by Rev. G. H. Cobbleclik, G. Cameron, and J. S. Cooke. The music was furnished by the choir, assisted by solo from Mrs. Cooke, and a duet from Mr. and Mrs. Cooke, both of which were rendered in such a manner as to show the singers to be master of the art of song. The proceeds of the tea were \$76.87.

On Sunday evening, Dec. 27th, a very interesting service was held in the Methodist church, when about 45 new converts connected themselves with the church, the fruits of the late revival conducted by Rev. E. Crompton and G. H. Cobbleclik, assisted by Rev. G. Cameron (Presby). The reception service was conducted by Rev. J. Turner, who has just returned from the old land, and is somewhat improved in health.

KEITH.—P. Ford, of Wheatland, Dakota, is visiting friends here after an absence of seven years.

The ball held here on New Year's night is still the subject for comment. Some of those who were in attendance lost control of their better selves and became unruly, breathing forth their short prayers on the night air.

One day last week some imp of misery entered our school yard, and destroyed the evergreen trees. Our teacher is offering \$5 for the conviction of the offender.

ELWOOD.—New Year's day was very dull here. Our Methodist friends watched the last hours of 1885 depart and welcomed the first hours of 1886.

Wm. Messer was elected school trustee at the last annual meeting of the school section.

School began on Monday, Miss Tucker taking the junior division of Bluevale school in place of Miss McGuire.

Things were quite lively in Bluevale on Monday. It was election day. The old council was re-elected.

On Wednesday evening Mr. Coutts held a meeting in the Presbyterian church, to arrange for the organization of a singing class. This is what has long been needed here, and we wish Mr. C. success.

Hardly had the bell tolled the knell of the departing year, when our village gathered in to show its respect, and cheered the dark hour of night with sweetest music, waking the echoes far and near.

On Tuesday evening of last week, at the close of the weekly prayer meeting at McPherson's school house, Mr. Henderson, of Tupper, read an address to the half of the congregation in address to Rev. Mr. Hartley, of Bluevale, who has been conducting the meetings there, expressing the thanks of the friends for the interest taken by Mr. Hartley in the corner of the vineyard, and as a small token of appreciation, presented him with a well-filled purse. The rev. gentleman replied in feeling terms, saying he had only done what he believed to be his duty. The meeting broke up with the doxology.

## THE BIG BOOM.

The Effect of Public Opinion at the Polls on Monday.

The following is the result of the voting on the waterworks, electric light, and agricultural park:—

WATERWORKS.—The general vote stood 404 for, 77 against. The freehold vote was 243 for; 70 against. Duplicate votes 15. Majority 158.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS.—General vote—337 for; 106 against. Freehold vote—211 for; 89 against. Duplicate votes, 8. Majority 94.

SNOW GROUNDS.—General vote—396 for; 64 against. Freehold vote—256 for; 48 against. Duplicate votes, 15. Majority 193.

## COUNTY ELECTIONS.

The Names of the Lucky Men as far as Second Round.

ST. DAVID'S WARD.

COUNCILLORS.

NAME No. 1. No. 2. Total.

R. Thompson.....77 62 139

C. A. Humber.....64 72 136

W. H. Murney.....61 62 123

C. Crabb.....48 47 95

E. Campion.....38 46 86

SCHOOL TRUSTEE.

J. Butler.....68 62 131

W. R. Robertson.....46 43 89

ST. ANDREW'S WARD.

COUNCILLORS.

NAME No. 6. No. 7. Total.

J. A. Reid.....68 46 114

W. Lee.....73 33 106

E. Bingham.....57 29 86

R. Aldworth.....42 32 74

R. Radcliffe.....52 19 71

J. M. Shepherd.....48 22 70

SCHOOL TRUSTEE.

H. W. Ball.....76 48 124

G. H. Parsons.....41 32 73

## Colborne.

Miss Lydia Habel was home for Christmas. Her sister Carrie accompanied her on her return to Seaford, where she intends staying for some time.

Miss Lucy Dault, of St. Mary's, spent her Christmas holidays among her friends and relatives here. She was accompanied by George and Edith, children of A. T. Dault, of Stratford, who enjoyed their Christmas in the country immensely.

A number of family gatherings among the Scotch, Dutch and Devon's, on the Maitland, on New Year's day, materially lessened the number of fat geese and turkeys in this vicinity.

At the annual school meeting S. S. No. 7, Donald McMurchie was re-elected to the office of trustee.

The contest for the reeve'ship, provoked much feeling, and there was much interest manifested in it all over the township. Beck's vote at Benmillar was a surprise to everybody. We give the full vote below:—

REEVE.

Allen. Kernighan.

Benmillar, No. 1.....31 94

Saltford, No. 2.....62 15

Smith's Hill, No. 3.....81 63

Leeburn, No. 4.....72 19

246 191

Majority for Allen, 55.

DEPUTY REEVE.

Beck. McHardy.

Benmillar, No. 1.....57 66

Saltford, No. 2.....60 17

Smith's Hill, No. 3.....59 84

Leeburn, No. 4.....46 42

222 209

Majority for Beck, 13.

Leeburn.

Miss Jane Stirling is visiting her cousin's about Porter's Hill.

Miss Nellie Hillier, of Goderich, spent several days here last week with her cousins.

83 saw logs were skidded in one day on the farm of Teddy Kelly by Charles Anciliff and John McLeod.

NEW YEAR'S EVE.—A happy assembly of young and old to the number of sixty members and guests of I. O. G. T. No. 213, partook of a sumptuous repast on New Year's Eve, in the Temperance Hall. A. H. Clutton, W.C.T., occupied the chair. Speeches were made by Messrs. J. Linklater, J. G. Clutton, D. Cumming, Harry Horton, W. H. Clutton, and S. P. Williams. A number of songs and recitations were given. At 12 midnight the church bell gaily welcomed the new year. Much regret was expressed that R. E. Brown was unable to be present.

Amberley.

On Wednesday, Dec. 23rd, the annual examination of S. S. No. 12, Ashfield, took place. There was a large turnout of parents and pupils, a very conclusive evidence of the popularity of the teacher, Miss Ralph. The pupils acquitted themselves in a very creditable manner. The trustees and parents expressed themselves in high and complimentary terms of the universal satisfaction given by Miss Ralph in her capacity as teacher. At the close the pupils presented her with three beautiful vases, accompanied by a flattering address.

On the same evening a special meeting of the members of Meridian Lodge, No. 260, was called to express their regret at the removal from their lodge of so promising and influential a member as Miss Ralph, and as a slight token of their appreciation of the good of the cause of temperance which she had joined their lodge, they presented her with a beautiful photograph album, accompanied by a suitable address.

## Dentistry.

M. NICHOLSON, L.D.S.

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Office—Old Fellows Hall, North-st., Goderich. Charges moderate. All work warranted. 202-18.

## For Sale or to Let.

FOR SALE—CHEAP FOR CASH.  
Lot No. 126 on South street, Goderich. Apply to MARTIN & KITCHEN, Barristers, 25 James St., South, Hamilton. 202-19.

TO RENT—THE PREMISES KNOWN as St. Andrew's Manse, recently occupied by Rev. P. Owen-Jones. Apply at the Post Office for particulars. 202-20.

FARM TO LET—FOR A TERM OF years, Lot 49, in the Maitland concession, of the Township of Goderich, by letter to J. S. LIZARS, Stratford. 1880-11.

FARM FOR SALE—SOUTH HALF of Lot 38, North of Town Plot, Ashfield, 106 acres, situated on the gravel road, one mile from Kintail P.O., with school house on the lot. Soil the best quality of clay loam. A never-failing creek. Fenced and ready to go. Apply to DAVIDSON & JOHNSON, Goderich P.O. 5th January, 1886. 202-21.

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J. T. GARROW, W. PROUDFOOT. 1751.

CAMERON, HOLT & CAMERON,  
Barristers, Solicitors in Chancery &c. Goderich and Wingham. M. C. Cameron, Q.C. P. Holt, M. G. Cameron, Goderich. W. E. Macrae, Wingham. 1751.

## Medical.

T. E. CASE, M.D., C.M., M.C.P.S.,  
Off. Office—That formerly occupied by Dr. Buchanan, Dunganon. Night office—Martin's hotel. 1931.

DR. MCLEAN, PHYSICIAN, SURGEON,  
Coroner &c. Office and residence Bruce Street, second door west of Victoria Street. 1751.

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Physicians, Surgeons, Accoucheurs, &c. Office—Dr. Shannon's, 100 Victoria street, Goderich. G. C. SHANNON, J. C. HAMILTON. 1751.

## Auctioneering.

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In any part of the County. Address orders to Goderich P.O. 1885.

JOHN KNOX, GENERAL AUCTIONEER and Land Valuator, Goderich, Ont. Having had considerable experience in the auctioneering trade, he is in a position to discharge with thorough satisfaction all commissions entrusted to him. Orders left at Victoria Hotel, or sent by mail to my address, Goderich P.O., carefully attended to. JOHN KNOX County Auctioneer. 1887-11.

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