

Some New Prices at Livingstones' Drug Store

Sulphur	5c per lb	25lbs for \$1.00
Epsom Salts	5c " "	40lbs for 25
Salt Petre	10c " "	30lbs for 25
Ground Gention	20c per lb	30lbs for 50
Blue Stone	10c per lb	
Diamond or Turkish dyes	30c for 25	
Gillette's Lye	10c per lb	30lbs for 25
Diamond Lye	10c " "	30lbs for 25
Caustic Soda	10c " "	30lbs for 25
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The Listowel Banner

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The detailed statement of the finances of the town of Listowel was issued on Monday night last and handed to the clerk. These statements have usually been issued on the night of nomination day, but this year, being properly issued a week in advance, the electors will have a chance to examine it and be able to follow more intelligently the usual discussion of town affairs at the public meeting on Monday night. The statement is issued under the names of the Mayor, the treasurer and the chairman of finance and gives every item of the year's finances. The statement of Assets and liabilities for the year show a balance of liabilities over assets of \$309.42. This would represent the so-called floating debt. It should apparently be increased by the amount of the county rate for 1900, which is not included among the liabilities of the year, to which it properly belongs, and it is more than likely that the provision for "sundry accounts" \$28.75 will not be found sufficient. The floating debt can therefore be safely placed at about \$1500. This does not mean that the town council has been extravagant or been not paid its way. The trouble is, as has often occurred before, that the statement does not show clearly the state in which the present council found the town's finances, so that the ratepayers could form a judgment of the condition in which they are leaving them. The statement provides for the sinking fund for the year, \$1,677.00, bringing the total sinking fund up to \$7,597.15, which is a reduction of the bonded debt of the town by that amount. The debenture debt of the town is \$99,000; though of this \$10,000 is for which a cross item might have been placed among the assets, which, with the sinking fund would reduce our bonded debt to \$81,400. In the meantime, however, we have to pay interest on the full amount. The fire, water, and light is by far our heaviest spending committee, exceeding \$3,000, the bulk of this expenditure is, however, fixed by contract for water and light. The law costs of the year, \$520, are heavier than usual, yet the town may be considered fortunate to have got off as lightly as it did.

It seems to us that the time has come that with care our town ought to be run at not more than a two cent rate on the dollar, and if less, so much the better. Dr. W. F. Shaw of Detroit, Mich. is spending a couple of weeks with his family here, and in the latter part of the year, Dr. Shaw is a son of Mr. David Shaw, now a railway contractor in Mexico, and with Mrs. Shaw will be remembered as former residents of this section.

QUITE A CONTRAST

While one of our staff was on the train going to Toronto on Saturday last he noticed in Brampton a small boy running around the street in his bare feet while in Action many were making merry by skating on the river which was well frozen over.

PERSONALS.

Among the holiday visitors in town were the following: Mr. Charles Brishin of Toronto, Mr. A. J. Collins of Huron Falls, Mr. George Boggs of Woodstock, Mr. John Kirkwood of Woodstock, Mr. John Taylor of Wilmot, Mr. G. Lorne of Goderich, Mr. Wallace McKenney and two sons of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ford of Wingham, Mr. Geo. Ford of Eganville, Mr. R. Hasking of Toronto University, Mr. Arthur Featherston of Wingham, Messrs. Alex. Phibbs, G. Lynch, T. Mooshead, E. C. thews, F. Gibson of Palmerston, Mr. Frank Thining of Galt, Mr. D. Lament of Toronto, Mr. G. McKee of Niagara Falls, Mr. E. C. McKee of Toronto, Messrs. Cray, Haydon, Russell, Haydon and Frank Chubb of Ingersoll, Mr. J. M. McCutcheon of St. Thomas and Mr. Stevens of Chelvey.



The Famous Canadian Jubilee Singers, of which the above is a cut, will visit here on Friday, Jan. 4, 1901. Prices 25, 35, and 50 cents. Plan at Gunther's. The following are a few press notices: Rev. Morris Wood, Detroit. "The Canadian Jubilee Singers gave three of their charming concerts in Plymouth Tabernacle. Everybody was delighted, and no Church or Society can miss it in engaging them. They stir the soul appeal to the intellect, and in fact strike up sympathy with man's entire nature. Our people were completely captivated."—Morgan Wood, Pastor, Plymouth Tabernacle.

The Toronto Globe says:—"The Young Street Methodist Church was filled to overflowing last night to hear the Canadian Jubilee Singers. A very bright and attractive programme was presented. The audience was greatly de-

lighted with many of the plantation songs, some of which have never been heard in Toronto before. "The Famous Canadian Jubilee Singers, eight in number, appeared before a large audience in the Wall Street Methodist Church, and rendered a choice selection of songs, solos, duets, quartettes and choruses. Several numbers were encored and responded to. The negro melodies were greatly enjoyed, and almost every number was vociferously applauded. The entertainment gave entire satisfaction and the young people of Wall Street Church who brought them here are to be congratulated on the success of their undertaking. The Can. Jubilee Singers will always receive a warm reception and liberal support at the hands of the Brockville citizens."—Brockville Times.

CENTURY MEMORIAL MEETING.

The memorial meeting, which is to take place in McDonald's Music Hall to end this century and extend into the next, will begin at 10 o'clock on Monday night next and an interesting program has been arranged by the committee in charge. There is no charge for admission and everybody is invited to be present. It will be an occasion that will never recur in the experience of anyone attending and in no more profitable way can the waning hours of the century be spent than in an interesting review of the work done and the progress made in the past years. The programme is as follows:

1. Progress of Nations.—Rev. A. P. Moore.
2. Educational Advancement.—W. Nichol, B.A.
3. Advancement in Medicine.—Dr. Philp.
4. Advancement in commerce.—Rev. Mr. Forbes.
5. Progress in Agriculture and Manufactures and development of town.—D. D. Campbell.
6. Advancement in Music.—J. H. Stuart.
7. Progress of Christianity.—Rev. J. S. Hardie.
8. Colonial Development.—H. B. Morphy.

The addresses will be interspersed with musical selections by best local talent. At 11.50 the meeting will be taken in charge by the town ministers with a devotional service of prayer and praise. Necessarily the addresses will be short, and filled with local reflection. The hall will not doubt be an occasion long to be remembered. The citizens generally are invited to turn out in force.

The following is a list of some of the heaviest ratepayers in the town, and includes most of those who have paid over \$100 this year, with the amount paid. Jno. Gabel, \$103.75; J. Livingstone, Jr., \$54.82; J. H. Gunther, \$121.80; B. F. Brooks, \$71.37; J. C. Hay, \$82.79; J. H. McDonald, \$199.20; J. A. Hacking, \$160.43; F. Vandrick, \$117.25; G. T. Ry, \$135.51; J. J. Foster, \$134.26; W. Chale, \$142.13; C. Taberner, \$55.92; K. Krotz & Walter, \$117.28; D. D. Campbell, \$282.36; Jas. Lee, \$102.59; J. Large, \$105.64; Thompson Bros., \$65.23; Wm. Spears, \$108.94; J. M. Schlein, \$135.00; T. H. A. Lyle, \$135.00; S. K. K. 125.00; Dr. Philp, \$199.39; Bank of Hamilton, \$125.40; John Watson, \$114.70; Garroch Bros., \$124.82; Livingstone Estate, \$114.71; J. W. McKee, \$392.09; Carson & McKee, \$122.83; D. Roy, \$118.06; R. Martin, \$117.97; Hay, Bros., \$168.20; Adolph & Bonnett, \$149.64; Gilles & Martin, \$152.00; G. Zilliox, \$40.00; J. S. Geo, \$136.50; A. H. Nichol, \$100.00; W. McMillan, \$105.64; J. W. Scott, \$113.40.00.

Some amounts under \$100 are as follows:—\$81.40; Dr. Dinzman, \$62.50; A. St. Geo. Hawkes, \$85.80; F. O. Clarke, \$1.80; R. McMillan, \$48.93; T. Soman, \$0.48; M. McD., Fleming, \$6.55; And. Chime, \$7.38; S. M. Smith, \$7.70; Roy Nichol, \$6.00; J. Armstrong, \$7.50; R. T. Kidd, \$1.82; A. W. Featherston, \$0.60; Beuthaupt Co., \$9.21; B. Rothwell, \$3.99; A. S. Thales, \$1.46; A. S. Collins, \$0.40.

MOLESWORTH.

A movement is on foot towards holding a centenary of the Centenary of Moleworth, on New Year's eve next. The meeting will probably take the form of a programme of appropriate addresses with musical selections and the serving of refreshments, etc. The time and place of meeting with other particulars will be announced locally at a later date. A meeting will be held in Mr. Wm. Wood's store at 8 p.m. on Friday night, 28th inst., to complete arrangements and all interested are invited to attend.

ELMA COUNCIL.

The first sitting of the Court of Revision on the assessment of Turnbull Drain under by-law No. 423 was held in the Agricultural Hall, Atwood, on the 13th Dec. Members, Mr. Donaldson, chairman and Messrs. Rothwell, Smith, Coates and Wherry. The members having been sworn, the following appeals were considered viz.: T. Dickson, too high assessed lots 19 and 20, con 7; J. G. Dickson, too high assessed on lot 17, con 7; R. Parker complained of being assessed for two acres more than he has and which he sold to the Cheese and Butter Co. and should be assessed to said Co., and as Mr. Dickson, President of the Co., was present and stated that the Co. had purchased the said two acres, Mr. Parker was reduced two acres at \$1.10 and the same assessed to the Co. at \$1.10. The Messrs. Dickson were heard in their appeal and also the Engineer who was present. The appeals were not decided. Moved by Mr. Coates, seconded by Mr. Wherry that the Court of Revision on the Turnbull drain assessment be now adjourned until the 14th January, 1901. Carried.

The Municipal Council of the township of Elma met in the Agricultural Hall, Atwood on 13th Dec. Members all present. Minutes of the last meeting read and signed. Moved by Mr. Wherry, seconded by Mr. Smith, that W. McCulloch be paid \$22, part contract of ditching on lot 16, con 11, as certified by Engineer and the same be charged against said lot. Carried. Moved by Mr. Rothwell, seconded by Mr. Smith, that the Court of Revision on the assessment of the Turnbull municipal drain under by-law No. 423 be now opened up and the Reeves be chairman of the said Court. Carried. After Court of Revision adjourned, Council met for general business. Moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Rothwell, that the Clerk be authorized to advertise for tenders in Stratford Beacon and Herald and Atwood Bee, for digging and completing the municipal drain known as the Pest drain. Tenders to be received up to 2 o'clock p.m. Jan. 14, 1901. Carried. Moved by Mr. Wherry, seconded by Mr. Coates, that the following accounts be paid, viz.: J. W. Steekley \$18.72, gravel; W. Scott \$15.60, part contract gravelling; L. E. & W. Carried. Moved by Mr. Rothwell, seconded by Mr. Smith that the council do now adjourn to meet on the 15th inst. at 10 a.m. Carried.

TOWNLINE EAST.

The annual school meeting of U. S. No. 1 Elma and Wallace, was held on Wednesday. Mr. Wellington Cumberland was elected trustee for the coming term. Mr. Fred Gomoff and Miss Millie Gomoff, of Oaklake, Man. are spending a few weeks under the parental roof. Mr. Gomoff reports times good out west, but some what cold. Mr. John Kopas has sold his farm. Rumor reports Mr. Kopas is going west. Mr. Arthur Bradford has purchased a farm on the sixth line of Wallace from Mr. Geo. Poole. Miss Elna Gordon is visiting friends at Moleworth.

A quiet wedding was celebrated at Knox Church Morn on Christmas evening in the presence of a select company, when Roy, J. S. Hardie married Robert C. third son of David Stewart, Esq., of Moleworth, to Jennina, eldest daughter of Charles Mitchell, Esq., of Moleworth. The happy couple have our heartiest congratulations.

CHARACTER COUNTS.

"Let a man tell you his story every morning and you're exhausted," said a famous Englishman in characterizing the newspaper, "and at the end of a twelvemonth he will become your master." Well, if that is the case, the newspaper is a chronic liar, one who rejoices in iniquity, and is utterly reckless in principle, who is thus welcomed daily to the home circle? Ought not, as I have said, to be different to truth, is self seeking and has no regard for individual rights or for public morals, to be treated as you would deal with a second-hand clock, and to be sent to your room and company? Let an unprincipled journal tell you its daily story, and by an inexorable law you will in due time have an "evil spirit" in your master.

In this same connection we are reminded of an interesting lecture by an old journalist and member of Parliament, Mr. E. L. Richards, of Winnipeg, "Character," said he, "is just as essential for a newspaper as it is for a man who is dependent upon the public for support. It is therefore of as prime importance to the individual should guard his own reputation and character; if honesty is the best policy for a newspaper, it is, in an accentuated degree, the best policy for a newspaper. In a peculiar sense a newspaper belonged to the public, being in reality the creation of the public. In the respect of the public, the newspaper is the best example of the value of preserving character in a newspaper is the history of the Montreal Witness, which the speaker related. It was the only newspaper in the world which had been in existence for over a century. This he considered, was due to the sound, consistent, moral policy that had been followed, and the high ideas always held by the Witness. It has invariably been found advocating sound principles, and it has adhered with such pertinacity to its policy that it has been the respect of the public, and although an ultra-Protestant paper published in the Catholic Province of Quebec, Mr. Richardson ventured the assertion that it was respected by its religious opponents. Inasmuch as the newspaper is the historian of the day, it is desirable that it should be veracious and a faithful recorder of events.

WEAKENING IN THE ESSEX GAS SUPPLY.

Depletion in the Gas Belt Induces Company to Make Hurried Retrenchment.

Windsor, Dec. 19.—The natural gas supply, which has for some time past been such a factor in Essex, is becoming depleted, and the company which controls the gas output, has shut off the large manufacturing establishments, and other institutions which are using an immense amount of gas in the United States. The Walkerville waterworks are now using coal, and other factories will soon be notified to get other fuel than gas.

At the Leamington wells the pressure ran down to 140 pounds, and other signs of weakening is given.

A WOMAN'S AWFUL PERIL.

"There is only one chance to save your life and that is through an operation" were the startling words heard by Mrs. I. B. Hunt of Lime Ridge, Wis. from her doctor. Her husband had tried to cure her of a frightful case of stomach trouble and yellow jaundice. Gall stones had formed and she constantly grew worse. Then she met one Elmer Bittors who had holily cured her. It is a wonderful stomach, liver and kidney remedy. Cures dyspepsia, loss of appetite. Try it. Only 50 cents. Guaranteed. For sale by J. A. Hacking, Druggist.

Miss E. Gordon, teacher of section No 2 and 3, Peel and Wellesley, was presented with an address and a beautiful silver fruit dish by her scholars on Friday afternoon, 14th inst. at the school house. Mr. Jas. Fenton occupied the chair and a lengthy program was also well rendered. The address read as follows:

Dear Teacher.—In view of the fact that you are about to sever your connection with this school and section, we, your pupils, feel called upon to commemorate this day, and to assure you of the love and esteem we have for you. During the last fifteen months you gained a place in our affections, that we feel can never be filled by another. You have labored with us, always lovingly guiding us in a way that has made our school a source of great pleasure. We hope that the future may be as bright and happy for you as this past year has been for us and as a moment of the love and esteem of your pupils and friends we present you with this fruit dish. Signed in behalf of the school by the scholars.

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When life's autumn comes, women, worn out by the burdens and obligations of motherhood, yet shrink from that second "change of life" which will banish these burdens forever. They fear a change in form, in feature, in personal attractiveness, and that the best of life will alone remain at the bottom of the cup of existence. Such fears are largely warranted by the effects which this change produces in many women. But no woman need let these fears fret her, who from the time of the first change of life, from girlhood to womanhood, has taken care to constantly keep her system in vigorous health.

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Mrs. M. Barnes of Bulls Ferry, Shasta Co., Cal., writes: "My physician said I was suffering from the effects of change of life. I had been diseased and womb trouble and rheumatism. My head was so dizzy I could hardly stand up. When I began Dr. Pierce's medicine I improved right along. I took seven or eight bottles of the Favorite Prescription, a teaspoonful three times a day, and the 'Pleasant Pellets' at night. I feel as well as I ever did."

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THREE FARRIE PEOPLE KILL IN AN INSTANT.

Barrie Ont Dec 20.—Thomas Lennox a farmer about 60 years of age residing at Flos, near Phelpsston, his daughter and daughter-in-law, Mrs. James Lennox, were instantly killed by the Penetang express at 6.45 this morning. Just as they drove out from their gate the Penetang train was approaching the railway crossing which was not over a few rods away. Mr. Lennox whipped his horses into a gallop in an attempt to cross before the train but the rig was struck and all the occupants and both horses were killed. Lennox was a well-to-do farmer. He leaves a widow and a family of six boys and two girls mostly grown up. Mrs. James Lennox leaves a husband and a small family of little children.

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RED FLAG, WALLACE ST.

The death of David Petch, one of the oldest residents of Wellesley township occurred at his residence near Linwood very suddenly Wednesday morning of last week. He was discovered in the early morning dead in bed. Deceased was 89 years of age. The funeral took place to Hawkesville on Friday.

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