

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Two Windsor Laborers Hurt by the Caving of a Sewer.

Thirty-Five Grandchildren at a Golden Wedding in Merlin.

Good Land in Algoma for Twenty Cents an Acre—A Remarkable Pumpkin Yield.

ALGOMA.

W. J. Miller writes from Thessalon to the Toronto Express: "We have homes for 200 to 300 acres, and one man can take up 320 acres, and that will only cost \$4; or you can take up 160 acres for \$2, and we have as good land in this part of Algoma as can be found in Canada, and it will grow as fine crops, and we have a good market and better prices for all the produce than you get in Toronto or any market in Lower Ontario. It is a rare chance for a young man, or any man with small means. We are sure of a good crop every year if it is put in right. It is the greatest country I ever saw. Yesterday was our fall show, and it was good. I never saw a better root crop in the county of Huron, and I lived in that county for twenty years."

BRANT.

Squire Langs, of Brantford, has secured a yield of 75 pumpkins of one vine. The scarlet fever which broke out among the pupils at the Brantford Institute for the Blind has been stamped out. A writ in chancery has been issued by Franklin Smoke, barrister, of Paris, in behalf of a local firm there against one of the oldest and most respected citizens of that town, claiming \$10,000 damages for fraud and misappropriation of money, and claiming to belong to the plaintiff, which have passed through the defendant's hands while in the plaintiff's employ as a trusted servant, he having made false entries on their books. The trial will come up at a chancery suit most probably at the approaching assizes. No defense has as yet been entered, but it is understood a defense utterly and absolutely denying the truth contained in plaintiff's allegations will be entered in due course.

A happy event took place last week at the residence of Christopher Barker, near Paris, when Sophia, eldest daughter of Mr. Barker, was united in marriage to Wm. R. Barker, postmaster of Paris Station. The bridegroom was Miss Barker, sister of the bridegroom. A large circle of friends were gathered together to honor and congratulate the happy couple. Amongst those present were: Hon. James and Mrs. Young, Galt; Wm. B. Wood, M.P.; St. Georges, Mr. and Mrs. Angus, Paris; Mr. Blake and Miss Blake, Boston, Mass.; Mr. Latimer, Paris; Mr. and Mrs. Whitlaw, Paris; Mrs. Foley, Paris; Messrs. Barker and a number of other friends from the country around. The happy pair left in the afternoon for Niagara and other points to spend the honeymoon.

BRUCE.

Mr. Baker, of Holyrood, in trying to board the afternoon mail train Saturday while in motion, missed his footing and fell. Luckily he hit his head on the ground, into which he dropped, clearing himself from the wheels and saving himself from what might have proved a serious accident.

Arch. Patterson, Tiverton, has had his hand caught in a printing press, smashing one of his fingers.

A boy named Wilkinson, who was assisting L. Lennox, Winton, to thresh, has met with a serious accident. It appears he was stepping over the tumbling shaft while the machine was in motion, when some of his clothes caught, and he was whirled around the rod several times before the machine was stopped. He was at once extricated from his position more dead than alive and medical aid summoned. The boy's arm was broken and he was otherwise injured. It is thought the unfortunate lad will recover.

ESSEX.

Mayor Milne, of Essex, has at the request of the town council, reconsidered his resignation and will continue in office for the remainder of the term.

The wife of Ald. Wear, Windsor, died Sunday afternoon after an illness extending over many months. The deceased was a daughter of William Blow, of the Grand Trunk Railway.

Geo. Connor and Thomas Connor, of Detroit, and J. Morgan, of Buffalo, found in a M. C. R. car, and charged by Detective Heenan before Squire Milne, of Essex, with vagrancy, got fifteen days in Sandwich jail.

Frank Twomey, a well-known young man and son of ex-Ald. Twomey, Windsor, died at his father's residence on Saturday night. The grapes unpicked are spoiled for shipping purposes by the frost.

The Ontario Drainage Commission will hold sittings in the county of Essex at the following times and places: Essex town, Oct. 31 and Nov. 1; Leamington town, Oct. 31 and Nov. 1; Kingsville town, Oct. 27 and 28; Harrow town hall, Oct. 29; Amherstburg town hall, Nov. 2; Comber town hall, Nov. 3 and 4.

The Commercial Unionists are endeavoring to get Goldwin Smith to hold a meeting in Essex county.

When the officers of the Canadian Electric Company were in Windsor a day or two they lowered the voltage on the dynamo. Since then the light has been practically useless and there is a general howl from the patrons.

A Bible society has been formed on Pelee Island by Rev. A. I. Snyder, Tilbury Center.

The Sunday schools of Kingsville had a union picnic at Pelee Island Saturday.

The Anderson Council were banqueted at McCrear the other night.

Alexander Cameron, Windsor, has given \$100 to the Y. M. C. A. This is an addition to a large contribution given by him some time ago.

Wm. Campbell, of McGregor, while driving into Windsor Monday went through a defective bridge. The horse started to kick and struck Campbell in the chest, badly injuring him. He was taken to his home.

Two Italian laborers employed on the Lewis avenue sewer, Windsor, had a narrow escape from being killed Monday. They had got down about ten feet when the earth caved in on them, burying both completely. When they were taken out one was found to be injured severely, while the other one escaped with a few bruises. The severely injured man was taken to his home in Detroit by the city ambulance.

A lamp exploded in the residence of Jas. G. Morgan, corner of Mercer and Arthur streets, Windsor, Monday evening, and \$150 damage was done before the fire was put out. The department was not called.

Richard Glens, boot and shoe merchant, Windsor, had a narrow escape from being killed by an electric car Monday evening.

While the car was in motion started to get off opposite his residence in Sandwich. He slipped and would have fallen underneath

the car had he not managed to push himself clear with his hands. As it was the ends of two of his fingers were so badly smashed that they had to be amputated.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sales, of Merlin, celebrated their golden wedding last week. Thirty-five grandchildren attended the pleasant affair.

Fletcher—The late frost has caught many fields of corn not ready to meet it, but the largest portion of the season's crop has been cut and it is very fair.—Mr. F. Bartlett and Miss Mary Elliott were married last Wednesday. This is one of the two Elliott ladies who have so successfully carried on the farming business here.

—Mr. and Mrs. S. P. White, of Guelph, who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Cromwell here, have returned home after a pleasant visit.—The local union of the Y. P. S. C. of Tilbury and Raleigh recently held a very interesting and successful meeting in St. Andrew's Church at South Duxton. Rev. A. L. Munson occupied the chair. Mr. Webster gave a very hearty address of welcome which was earnestly responded to by Mr. W. H. Parnell. Seven societies gave encouraging reports. The newly-organized society at Union Hall applied to join the union, while addresses were given by Miss C. Grimes, the delegate to the convention at New York, and also Rev. Mr. Hussen, of Merlin, and Mr. Brundrett, of Valhalla. About 400 persons were present. This was the most enthusiastic meeting held yet.—The average of wheat sown in this section is below that of other seasons, owing to the poor yield and the low price.

HURON. James Whyatt, Dugannon, has been appointed clerk of the Sixth Division Court of the county of Huron, in the place of William McArthur, resigned.

Robert John Knox Gore, who has been committed for trial at Goderich, charged with perjury, wrote to Mr. M. C. Cameron, ex-M.P., from Detroit, expressing contrition for the wrong he had done him, and ended by making an affidavit that he had been used by politicians opposed to Mr. Cameron. When the trial was on he returned to Goderich, but hearing that a warrant was out for his arrest kept in hiding and evaded service.

After the trials were over he became bolder and appeared on the public thoroughfares, but did not tarry long before he was arrested. The adjourned trial of the case was held in the Goderich Town Hall before Messrs. Horton and Williams, justices of the peace, and Mayor Butler, and the jury was sent up for trial as stated.

The affidavit made by Gore at Windsor is of a sensational nature, and will probably appear in the reports of the trial.

OXFORD. George Meadows and William Herbert, two lads about 14 years of age, were charged at the Woodstock Police Court Monday with the serious charge of attempted train-wrecking. Frank Meadows, a brother of one of the accused, told the police that the lads had been hunting on Sunday week, and on their return home placed three cedar posts on the G. T. R. in rear of the First stock farm, but in the witness box Frank denied having told this story and his brother and Herbert were acquitted.

Mrs. Edna Campbell died rather suddenly at the home of her son-in-law, Thos. Bell, in East Oxford, Sunday night. Deceased had been in her usual health until Friday afternoon, when a blood vessel burst on the brain. On Saturday morning the death took place. Mr. Bell's 3-months-old child, and the second death coming so soon after in the same house adds to the mournfulness of the occasion.

PERTH. The Stratford bridge works have just completed two handsome bridges for the city of Guelph. They are each about 99 feet long and will be shipped this week.

Whooping cough is still prevalent at Wellburg.

James Hamilton, son of Mrs. Mary Hamilton, of Fullerton, went on an excursion to Cleveland on Sunday week last, and on the boat's return to Detroit he was missed from among the passengers. Since then the body has been picked up in a badly decomposed state near Cleveland, and on Monday was taken for interment to Fullerton, where his widowed mother resides.

On the 1st of January next the town of Mitchell will have a debt of \$36,000, on which the town paid \$3,200 interest last year.

WELLAND. Wilson Flagg, Sheraton, who fell from a derrick some time ago, is not expected to recover.

The people of Fonthill have been enjoying a taffy and fruit social.

A daughter of James T. Bell, of North Pelham, aged about 15 years, who was attending school at St. Catharines, died in that city last week.

Geo. W. Hanes, Pelham, who had one of his toes crushed in a horse power, has died of lockjaw.

OTHER WESTERN ONTARIO ITEMS. The Lambton beekeepers will hold their annual convention in the Tecumseh House, Petrolia, Oct. 20.

The Oxford fall show, which will be held at Highgate Saturday, promises to be a grand success.

THE TRAVELING DAIRY. Continuation of Its Work Through the Cheese District of Oxford.

The traveling dairy has been continuing its work in the county of Oxford during the past week. The district through which it was now working is particularly a cheese factory district, but the factories on an average work only about seven months of the year, butter-making has to form a part of the work of the successful dairymen.

Again, the idea of making butter in cheese factories in the winter is being deeply considered by the patrons in all the districts. This, the winter feed and care of the cow, the best methods of creaming milk and taking care of her same are questions of vital importance to all.

The meeting on Monday was held at Oxford Center in the neighborhood of the factory run as an experimental creamery last winter by Prof. Robertson. A live interest was taken in the meeting, and there was a very fair attendance. A couple of samples of skim milk tested at this meeting illustrated forcibly the difference between intelligent and careless handling. One sample from the deep pails or creamers, set immediately after milking in cold water and the water kept cold by two or three

changes, only showed 3 per cent. of fat, whereas another sample set in pails without immersing in water showed 1.6 per cent.; or with good skimming, such as the other sample, showed that there was 1½ pounds of butter lost in 100 pounds of milk.

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The gentleman who brought the sample said they milked 200 pounds of milk from the herd per day, therefore he lost 3 pounds of butter, which, at the price paid the patrons for the butter made from the cream sold to the creamery last winter, 21 cents per pound, meant 63 cents lost per day, or \$18.90 per month—quite a serious loss if kept up for 10 months (\$189), and yet some people do not know why they are not making more off their farms. It is in many cases their own fault, as they do not put enough intelligence into their work—do not do enough thinking about the various phases of the business to stop the many leaks that are running away with their profits as well as with their capital.

The Rev. Mr. Hunt gave a little of his experience with the creaming process. He had one cow, and as he did not want to trouble making butter during the winter and the cream gathered passed his door he sent his cream to the factory. He started the latter part of December, sent for January, February, March and a few times in April, and received \$21 as his share of the proceeds. This was a very good showing indeed for winter dairying in the factory, as it cost but one-fourth more to keep the cow working all winter than it does to keep her idle, and ought to be kept to do her best the next season. In the one case she is paying for her feed as she goes along, in the other the pay has to come out of the next summer's product, and the question is will she do it?

Answered by the experience of scores of people even in this great dairy county of Oxford, it is not paid for. But the seed sown by the dairy missionaries in this as in other parts is not without results, and the future promises better things than was even looked for in the past.

The meeting on Tuesday was at Swenburg. The attendance was not all that could be desired, though those present were there for a purpose. The deputation at this place has been in existence, which of course they are frequently liable to have, as they every day have to handle cream, the characteristics of which they know nothing. The temperature at which they have been churning the past few weeks has been between 60 and 62 degrees F. They are also to churn the cream between 60 and 61 degrees F., and it took Mr. Hunt about one hour to get the butter, and it might have taken him longer had he not warmed the cream by adding, not scalding water, but about half a pail of water 5 degrees warmer than his churning temperature. He did not guess at it, either; he used the thermometer. It was afterwards learned that Mr. Thornton, who supplied the cream, generally churned at about 55 degrees and in about twenty minutes thus illustrating another fact of the influence of only 3 degrees on the time of churning; it multiplied the time by three. It also illustrates the folly of those who will be continually guessing at the temperature of their cream and churning for two or three hours and sometimes half a day; or, again, churn in five minutes and lose a pound or two of butter in their buttermill.

The meeting