

YORK COUNTY — AND SUBURBS

FARMERS REJOICE IN RECORD YIELD

Fifty Per Cent. of Oats and Spring Wheat Now in Stook.

THRESHING THE BARLEY

Talk in Markham and Scarboro of Eighty Bushels to the Acre.

Excellent progress is being made in the cutting and harvesting of the grain crop throughout York county, fully 50 per cent. of the oats and spring wheat being in stook, while practically all the barley is cutting and the greater portion of it in the barnyard. No threshing has yet been done, but out on the farm of Col. Deacon, near Unionville, today the steam thrasher will be at work on barley, and an estimate of the probable yield in the district may be had. That the yield all over the county and generally speaking all over the central part of Ontario will be enormous is now assured. Never in the memory of the oldest inhabitants was the outlook for a big yield so good. Fall wheat ranging from 40 to 50 bushels to the acre, with a big yield of grain in reported, and some farmers out in Markham and Scarboro Townships are talking about 80 to 90 bushels of oats to the acre. Some fields of wheat look like 40 bushels, and spring wheat is extraordinarily heavy in the straw and head.

Labor scarcity. The scarcity of labor out in the country, while not general, is more particularly felt among the small farmers, a number of whom are doing alone cutting, stooking and threshing, with such help as can be given by the women folk. On such farms progress is very slow.

Alkali clover is yielding well, and about from five to six bushels to the acre, while the price is now \$10 a bushel. One man brought a load into Unionville the other day which netted him \$90 in cash.

WELL-KNOWN FARMER SUMMONED BY DEATH

John Keyes Dies at Family Residence in Vaughan Township After Short Illness.

John Keyes, a well-known farmer living on lot 5, township 1, Vaughan Township, aged 77 years, died on Saturday at the family residence after a short illness. The late Mr. Keyes had lived in the township for many years. He is survived by a widow, three sons and three daughters, one of the latter being the wife of James Geddes of Vaughan. One son is in the military service. The funeral will be held on Monday at Christ Church Cemetery, Woodbridge.

PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS COAL

Ratepayers Will Take Concerted Action to Get Something Done.

The live question of coal supply for the coming winter is seriously exercising the minds of Earlscourt residents, and the representatives of local organizations have been requested to call a public meeting to discuss the matter, and bring organized pressure to bear on the proper authorities to change the situation.

ORGANIZE TOWN BAND

James Geddes Will Lead Woodbridge Musicians.

Under the leadership of James Geddes, the citizens of Woodbridge have organized a brass band of fifteen pieces. Dr. W. A. McEwen was appointed assistant leader.

LITTLE GIRL'S ARM BROKEN.

While attempting to catch a little cat in the orchard on Saturday night, Alice Johnston, 10-year-old daughter of Thomas Johnston, Weston, fell and sustained a complete fracture of her arm above the elbow.

POPULAR IN EARLS COURT.

Donald C. MacGregor, alderman for Ward six, whose appointment as justice of the peace was recently gazetted, is honorary vice-president of the Earls Court Business Men's Association.

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At the morning service he gave an outline of the opening of this vast territory from the time of Livingstone and Stanley to the present day. Livingstone died on the shores of Lake Bangweulu on May 1873, so that this great work has been accomplished during the last half century.

When Livingstone was laid to rest in Westminster Abbey his mantle fell upon Stanley, who went to Africa under the auspices of The London Daily Telegraph and The New York Herald. He struck in from Zanzibar and spent 290 days crossing the continent, coming out at Bannana, at the mouth of the Congo, in August, 1877. He was the first white man to cross central equatorial Africa.

From the savagery and cannibalism of the time of Livingstone and Stanley, missionary work in Africa has made rapid progress, till today there are in that country schools, not only for boys and girls, but for teachers, preachers, the sons of chiefs, and for nurses. A total of 200,000 are enrolled in the various courses, and the church has 200,000 members.

A Tremendous Continent. At the evening service Mr. Moody told many interesting personal experiences that occurred during his 25 years' sojourn in the Belgian Congo. First, however, he stated that the whole of Africa was as large as the continents of North America and South America put together, having 11,600,000 square miles of territory with a population of about 200,000,000. In Africa there are, he said, 855 known and 700 unknown languages. There are more than 100,000 miles of sailing water, and more than 100,000 miles of land transporting materials over the trade routes.

The path of the missionary is not pleasant or easy. Before Mr. Moody could take his wife to Africa he was required to build his home, learn the language and get acquainted with the natives. From the virgin forest, with native assistance, he felled a tree, hewed the lumber, and built a house twelve feet wide and thirty-six feet long, containing three rooms, each twelve feet square. He also had and the vegetable patch had been destroyed by elephants during the night was not an unknown occurrence. "There are some things about Africa that are true as truth, but you people will not believe them," he added.

Carried Off Plans. Stories of native fights that lasted for three weeks at a time, and of carriers that walked off with planes on their heads were related to substantiate the above remark. With doctors who took money from both parties to a quarrel, and then administered poison to those offering the least resistance, he said, among the foes of missionary progress.

When Mr. Moody turned to the work that had been accomplished in this district, he told of attainments almost as unbelievable. In the territory there are already 27 mission stations. At Stanley Falls the church has 1,200 members, and at Uganda there is a cathedral with 5,000 people. In a trip that was made to find a way of connecting up 1,000 miles of missionary activity, two chiefs were located who had 1,100 villages between them, and in the whole number there is only one missionary, a native and his wife. One native Christian in a territory as large as the state of Ohio. This man was supported at an expense of sixty dollars a year.

"Ethiopia is waiting for the Christians of the world. The more the commands of Christ are obeyed the more is His power given unto you," said Mr. Moody.

Mr. Moody was at McMaster University for two years before he went to Africa, and has a son, Charles, in training at Camp Borden.

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