

FREE HIGH SCHOOL TUITION.

Elsewhere in this issue will be noticed the appointment of Mr. J. McE. Shaw as member of the High School Board. Now that the board is again complete we wish to bring before them the matter of free tuition of our town pupils. For many years the resolution of the board whereby the town pupils are compelled to pay a fee of \$1 a month, and country pupils pay nothing, has been causing considerable comment. We just give one instance of the injustice of this discrimination against Forest students. A farmer has resident property just outside the town limits, and his neighbor not many rods away lives in the town. The former sends his children to our High School free, while the latter pays \$1.00 a month tuition fee for each member of his family attending that institution, and also pays on his assessment a county rate to permit the neighbor to educate his children free. We understand there is an average attendance of about fifty town students. These would pay to the board annually \$500, which would be the extra amount required to be raised by assessment on the ratepayers of Forest, providing the fee is withdrawn, an average increase on each taxpayer of probably five cents. It is within the power of the H. S. Board of trustees to remove this extra tax, and the members that will take the matter before the board will, we believe, be pressing the wish of the majority of the ratepayers of Forest.—Forest Standard.

The above applies with equal force to Watford, and might be worth considering here.

Farmers' Institutes.

The country is being honeycombed with Farmers' Institute meetings. Every farmer has a chance to attend one or more of these sessions. The growing popularity of these lectures and illustrated talks, with their attendant discussions, is an evidence of the better work that is being done on the farm. The time is past when anybody can scatter seed and reap a bountiful harvest. The planting now has to be done with considerable forethought and well-thought-out plans. The man who does things on the farm is the man who thinks. He studies his soil, his surroundings and the markets. He believes thoroughly in cause and effect, in cutting the swath of his success. Consequently to his diligent thinking and working, he adds all the knowledge he can glean from the government reports, the institute lectures, the Experimental Union's results and the opinions of men. He hears all this and weighs it. He does not rush headlong into the advice even of an expert. He must be satisfied that the proposal is suited to his conditions. Then he goes ahead, makes the money and enjoys a healthy agricultural existence.

To such a man life is a series of pleasurable experiences. He is the right man to benefit by government encouragement. He prizes the work or the Farmers' Institutes because he can learn and also help others. The bringing of samples of weeds, grains or results of private experiments to the meetings makes the gathering of use to the people. He aids the lecturer, and by a question at a point where he needs help, he opens up a mine of information.—World.

A Suit Over Lambs.

Nicholas Murphy, of Fergus, is suing Wesley Dunn, of Toronto, for an alleged balance due on a lamb transaction. Dunn applied for a change of venue from Guelph to Toronto, and was refused. Murphy says he took lambs from Dunn at 5 cents a pound on the understanding that he was to feed them for ninety days and then return them, receiving 7 1/4 cents a pound from Dunn. Dunn says they were to be fattened.

Plum Pudding is Quite Digestible

London, Dec. 24.—The Lancet, which so often points out the terrible unsuspected dangers to health encountered in every day life, on Saturday, with reasonable optimism, published a hearty defence of the Christmas pudding.

"It is accused of indigestibility," said the Lancet, "but a syncretical consideration of all the events would indicate the reverse to be the case. For an individual enjoying average health the ingredients of plum pudding should offer no physiological stumbling block."

The paper then points out that the pudding is generally eaten after an extra large meal, and unjustly gets blamed for what is really the result of over-eating.

"The Christmas pudding," says the Lancet, "is a meal for a hungry man, for it is hardly possible to conceive a more complete food."

Back to the Old Homes

Toronto, Dec. 24.—This year's Christmas traffic on all the railroads undoubtedly is in excess of any previous one. With the coming into force of the fare-and-a-third rates on Saturday every train was crowded. Yesterday it was the same, and to-day, if anything, worse than either of the other two. To-day all incoming trains were over-crowded, special coaches had to be added, and on some lines the trains had to be divided into two and three sections. People are coming from all points, Winnipeg and far west, from Cobalt, loaded with souvenir nuggets; from the east and from across the border, all coming back to spend Christmas with the old folks. Out-going trains also were crowded with people going to the country to spend the holidays at their old homes.

Triplets Born to Stratford Couple.

Stratford, Dec. 21.—For the first time in the history of the city triplets have been born to a Stratford woman, and consequently Robert English, Douglas street, is the happy father of three bright, healthy girls. The father is a teamster, while the mother, who has been married twice, is now the mother of thirteen children, all alive.

General Booth Coming.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—General Booth, of the Salvation Army, will come to Canada in March next. He will be in Toronto from the 10th to the 13th, and will address a public meeting in Massey Hall. From this city he will go to Ottawa, Montreal, Winnipeg, Vancouver, and to China and Japan. This announcement was made by Commissioner Coombs at Massey Hall last night.

Aged Man Burned To Death.

Pictou, Dec. 26.—Wm. Vance, of Bloomfield, was burned to death in his home this morning. About 2 o'clock the family, which consisted of Mr. Vance, his wife, daughter and son, awoke to find the house in flames.

All made their escape with the exception of Mr. Vance, who was about 70 years of age, and a highly respected farmer.

The house and contents were totally destroyed fully covered by insurance. Cause of fire unknown.

A Canadian Anthem.

To the people of Canada has been dedicated a new National Anthem by W. A. Fraser, the novelist and Dr. Albert Ham-the conductor. The poem has been written as a four-part song for soprano, contralto, tenor and bass, and it will receive its first notable production at Massey Hall on January 14th and 15th, by the National Chorus, on the occasion of their concert with the New York Symphony Orchestra.

CHOP STUFF.

Wanstead has a literary society. A mild case of smallpox was reported in Petrolia last week.

Jas. W. Cameron is a candidate for the mayoralty in Strathroy.

J. M. Shaw has been appointed a member of the Forest High School Board.

W. H. McMahon and W. Culbert are candidates for the reeveship in Wyoming.

Mr. and Mrs. Nat Boswell, of Wyoming, are both in very poor health at present.

The growth of girls is greater in their fifteenth year; of boys, in their seventeenth.

Alvinston business men are complaining about the unsatisfactory mail service from the West.

Strathroy is in doubt as to whether it is entitled to a deputy reeve or not under the new act.

T. L. Smith, engineer in Mustard's mill, Wyoming, lost a finger by catching his hand in a belt.

Two Petrolia young men were each fined \$5 and costs for creating a disturbance in the opera house.

Ex-Reeve Sullivan, of Adelaide, has about recovered from the effects of a recent surgical operation.

Bishop Williams confirmed a class of fifty at St. John's Church, Strathroy, on Sunday of last week.

Mrs. S. J. Shotwell, relict of the late Joel Shotwell, of Strathroy, died in Kansas last week in her 85th year.

A charge has been preferred against Postmaster Armstrong, of Brigidon, for using insulting language to the Rev. John Henderson, of that town.

The death took place in Cornwall recently of Mrs. J. H. Gillis, a former resident of Forest. The remains were brought to Parkhill for interment.

The Forest electric light plant has inaugurated a morning service from 5.30 to daylight. The change is greatly appreciated by the patrons.

An exchange says:—"We observe that the first of Florida's winter crop of strawberries have arrived in the cities, and are on sale for \$1 a quart. Please pass the apple parson."

Geo. W. Bonvon, Wyoming, has accepted the position of freight clerk at the G. T. K. depot, to succeed The Sumner, who has been notified by the company that he is to be transferred to another point on the road.

Reeve Smith, Clerk Watson and Coun. McIntosh, were a deputation from the township council of Moore to Petrolia on Saturday, Dec. 8th, where they met a deputation from the Enniskillen council and strengthened out the year's business re the boundary line between the two municipalities.

The Municipal World puts the matter in this light: "If you want to injure your town, buy nothing at home that you can get elsewhere and if you are in business, don't advertise." There is a great deal of sound sense crowded into a small space in the above, and buyers and sellers alike should profit by the advice given.

Happy New Year

We trust that one and all of our friends and customers will enjoy a Very Happy New Year.

We also desire to thank you all for the enormous Christmas trade which you so generously gave us.

And we hope we may look for a continuance of your patronage during the coming year.

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WANTED.—Maple lumber in the log to be delivered in Watford. Highest price paid.—LLOYD-THOMPSON WIRE. d7-tf

WANTED, 1000 cords white oak bolts, 24 and 28 inches long, smallest not less than 8 inches. Any too large to handle can be halved.—HASTINGS' WAGON & SLEIGH WORKS. 2t

PRIVATE and other money to loan on mortgages. Several dwelling house properties in Watford and a few farms in this vicinity for sale. One house and stable in Watford to rent.—Apply to W. E. Fitzgerald.

DR. BUTLER, London, will be at Watford, Roche House, on following days: Wednesday, Jan. 2nd; Wednesday, March 6th; Wednesday, May 1st; Wednesday, July 3rd. Hours 3.30—8.30 p.m. Eye, ear, nose and throat consultations. Eyes tested for glasses. 1t

MARRIED.

At the parsonage, Forest, on Wednesday, Dec. 19th, by Rev. Dr. E. Medd, Mr. John Stonehouse of Forest to Miss Elizabeth Ann, Slaughter, of Rossington.

At Sylvan, on Tuesday, Dec. 18th, by the Rev. H. Currie Mr. James E. Mackie of Duluth, to Miss Ida J. Hall, of Sylvan.

At the residence of the bride's mother, on Christmas day, by Rev. G. W. Arnold, Bertha Eleanor, youngest daughter of Mrs. S. Humble, Dufferin avenue, Petrolia, to Mr. Archie Graham, of Moose Jaw, Sask.

DIED.

In Cornwall, on Thursday, Dec. 13th, Elizabeth Hazlett, beloved wife of John H. Gillis, aged 53 years and 4 months.

In Petrolia, on Thursday, Dec. 13th, 1906, Michael Collins, aged 61 years.

In London, on Friday, Dec. 14, 1906, Arabella M. Taggart, beloved wife of W. T. Currie, aged 35 years and 9 months.

In Petrolia, on Tuesday, Dec. 25th, Ida Jane McCreary, beloved wife of William Hargis, in her 33rd year.

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Family Herald and Weekly Star with premium and "The Farmer's Manual" or "Handy Home Book"....	1 90
Montreal Weekly Witness....	1 60
Weekly Messenger.....	1 25
Weekly Globe.....	1 75
Weekly Mail and Empire....	1 75
Toronto Weekly Sun.....	1 80
London Weekly Advertiser....	1 50
London Daily Advertiser....	2 50
London Weekly Free Press....	1 75
Daily Free Press, afternoon ed....	2 75
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