

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

If further proof were wanted of the evil effects of cigarette smoking, especially on young boys, it has been furnished during the past week, by Prof. Ogg, of Indiana, who after careful investigation of the schools in his district says, that "out of 1800 boys, 400 of them are addicted to the cigarette habit, and are in consequence two years behind the non-smokers in their studies." Nothing more need be said to show the seriousness of this question.

A remark made in last week's issue regarding the long run of sleighing we have had this winter, has elicited the following information from Mr. Simeon Baker who says that in the year 1842-3, snow fell heavily on Nov. 17th, and there was continuous sleighing, without a break until the 2nd week of April. He remembers driving with a cutter to Brantford on the 18th of November, and also has strong recollections of a sleighride on the 1st of April, during which he upset in the snow drifts. This beats the record for this year, by quite a good deal.

We have been asked to give in a few plain words, an explanation of the referendum, and present situation of the question of prohibition in this province, and will do so as we understand it. The Provincial Gov't. have introduced a prohibitory liquor law, identical to the same as that passed some time ago in Manitoba, and propose to pass it this session, but it is not to come into effect until May 1st, 1904, and not then unless over one half of those who vote at the coming general election, shall vote in favor of the law on the 14th day of October, 1902, when a special vote shall be taken on this question. That means that if 400,000 electors vote at the general elections, at least 200,001 must vote in favor of prohibition in Oct. or the law does not go in force. Those who are opposed to prohibition may vote against it, or they need not vote at all. Refraining from voting is as much a vote against prohibition as casting your ballot against it. These are the main points in regard to the question. No attempt is made here to give any particulars of the bill. Without any comment on the justice or fairness of either the bill itself, or the referendum we will just say that there will never be a prohibitory liquor law passed or enforced in Ontario, until the temperance people are so much in earnest, that they will drop their politics, and vote the principals which they are now so eager to advocate, but so slow to back up. Their opponents have no politics, where their business and views are in danger, consequently they have weight with both political parties, while the temperance people have no influence with either. This may not be pleasant reading for many of our readers, but it is as true as the bible. The Hon. G. W. Ross would come out straight, and pass a prohibitory law this session, without any referendum, if he was sure he could depend on the support of the temperance parties, at the coming election. Mr. Whitney would come out solidly for prohibition now, but he knows he could not depend on the temperance grits. Prohibition can never come, except through one or other of the great political parties, and neither party will take up the question seriously, until they are convinced that they will receive the solid support of the temperance people. They would be fools if they did, as at the present time it would mean sure and certain defeat at the polls.

Children Cry for CASTORIA.

SUMMERS CORNERS

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Summers, jr., have the deepest sympathy of the entire community on the death of their son, Ray, a bright child of seven years, who died on Thursday, Feb. 20th. The funeral took place on Sunday and was largely attended.

Mrs. Ferguson and Miss Ada Ferguson, of Toronto, have been visiting relatives in the vicinity during the past week.

Mr. Thos. Riddell and family have been enjoying a visit from the former's mother, Mrs. J. Riddell, of Cullis.

Mr. and Mrs. S.S. Harper and Miss Ethel Farr have returned from a pleasure trip to Woodstock and vicinity.

Mr. Hugh Saunders, who has been visiting at Mr. Evans', has returned to his home in Walslop.

The Canadian Bacon Trade in Great Britain in Danger.

A great many undesirable hogs are being marketed by the farmers throughout the Province of Ontario. These are being converted into export bacon, and forwarded to Great Britain and because of their quality are sold at a loss. This loss must ultimately be borne by the farmers, although the packers, at the present moment, are being severely punished.

As an example we quote the condition of the trade at the Geo. Matthews Company's factory, Ottawa, for the months of November and December, 1901, and the first week of January, 1902. In November, 1901, a total of 8970 pigs were received at this factory. Of these 5702 were 'Selects', 1602 were 'Lights', 1244 were 'Light Fats', 86 were 'Heavy Fats', 97 were 'Sows' 5 were 'Stags', 13 were 'Cripples', and 220 were 'Stores', these latter being lean pigs, unfit for any purpose. Of 5151 hogs received at the factory in December, 1901, the 'Selects' numbered 2875, the 'Lights' 1172, the 'Light Fats' 720, the 'Heavy Fats' 51, the 'Sows' 74, the 'Stags' 7, the 'Cripples' 35 and the 'Stores' 217. From the 2nd to the 4th of Jan., 1902, 1069 hogs were received. Of these 976 were 'Selects', 508 were 'Lights', 156 'Light Fats', 10 'Heavy Fats', 14 'Sows', 6 'Stags', 7 'Cripples', and 92 'Stores.' This makes a total for the nine weeks of 8854 'Selects,' 3282 'Lights,' 2120 'Light Fats,' 147 'Heavy Fats,' 135 'Sows,' 18 'Stags,' 55 'Cripples,' and 528 'Stores.' Total 15190.

Pigs termed 'Selects' are those that can be made into the best class of Wiltshire bacon, and are the sort that have made Canadian bacon famous on the English market. In order to keep up the price of hogs, the packers must receive the sort of hogs that will make the finest sort of Wiltshire sides. To make this the packers must have smooth, deep, well-fed pigs, with a large amount of lean meat in the carcasses, in proportion to the amount of fat. They must be well finished, and weigh on reaching the packing house from one hundred and eighty (180) to two hundred (200) pounds. On the pigs termed 'Lights' the packers lose at least one dollar per head. The 'Light Fats' can be cut up and put into the retail trade, but too large a number of these light pigs would, at any time, glut the local market. The 'Heavy Fats' can be worked up, when not too numerous, but will sell for at least one half dollar per hundred, live weight, less than 'Selects.' 'Sows' and 'Stags' are very poor property and can only be used in a very inferior trade. In order to be of any value to the packers, 'Sows' and 'Stags' should be made as fat as possible. 'Cripples' are of little or no value to the packers, and are always fed at a loss to the farmers. 'Stores' shouldn't reach the pork packers, yet thousands of them are sent every week to the market by the farmer.

If the farmers continue to market such a large amount of these undesirable pigs, it will seriously injure the Canadian Bacon Trade in Great Britain, and will bring about greatly reduced prices for hogs throughout Canada.

F. W. HODSON.

LAKEVIEW.

Miss Etta Foster is visiting her sister Mrs. McConnell.

Mrs. Joseph McDiarmid, of Dakota, is visiting friends and relatives in this vicinity.

Miss Edith McIntyre is visiting Mrs. A. Nellis.

Mr. Geo. McConnell has a plan for the remodeling of his house and store which he intends doing early in the spring.

Mr. Louis Raymonds, of British Columbia, who has spent the winter with his father, Mr. Geo. Raymond has returned.

Mrs. Jas. Hankinson is in St. Joseph's Hospital, at London, receiving special treatment for an abscess in her side. Hope she may soon be convalescent. Her daughter Ella is with her.

Mr. Wm. McConnel, of Toronto, of the Dominion Organ and Piano Co., visited his friends and relatives here last week.

Mrs. Alex Herries is now better after an attack of measles.

Mrs. Dr. Eaton, of Carberry, Manitoba, is visiting her relatives and friends here.

Mr. F. Saxton, of Grand Rapids, Mich., was the guest of Mr. J. A. Saxton for a couple of days during the past week.

Miss Susie Hunter is slowly recovering from a tedious illness.

Mrs. Laura Tedford and children leave this week for Mich., where she intends visiting her sister before joining her husband in the North West.

Mrs. Cameron, of Pt. Stanley, spent Sunday here.

Miss Turrell, of Aylmer, is visiting in this section.

GLENCOLIN.

Mr. Morrison has made provision for the revival to continue this week. We hope Mr. Morrison will be able to be out again by Sunday.

On the 22nd inst, to the wife of Geo. Wintemute of a son,

Mr. I. B. Haney is moving his house from Mr. James Haney's to his place, on the 8th, and will repair it for Albert Haney.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McKenney and Miss Clara, spent Friday with Mr. Ludsay's, of Copenhagen, last week.

Misses May and Ida Bears are home from Dundas.

Mr. G. Donaldson and Family are moving this week to Thamesford. Their many friends here wish them success in their new home.

The many friends of Mr. Geo. Bears will be sorry to learn of his ill health some time last August, he was poisoned with poison-ivy, but got better and last fall came home to visit his parents. He returned to Sarnia, and two weeks later was laid up again. He consulted a specialist of Detroit, with little encouragement. The Brotherhood of the R. R. have sent him to the hospital at Montreal. We trust his sickness may not prove serious and hope for a speedy recovery.

Mr. S. Young is about the same. Mrs. J. Haney is better.

THE AYLMER MARKETS.

Flour, per 100 lbs.	\$1.75 to 1.75
Wheat, Standard	75 to 75
Oats, per bushel	38 to 40
Barley, per bushel	45 to 48
Pens, per bushel	55 to 60
Butter, per lb.	48 to 50
Timothy seed	2.00 to 3.00
Beans	90 to 1.00
Corn, per bushel	54 to 55
Rye, per bushel	50 to 55
Brass, per ton	20.00 to 20.00
Shorts, per ton	23.00 to 23.00
Chop, per ton	25.00 to 28.00
Eggs, per dozen	18 to 20
Butter, per lb.	48 to 50
Potatoes per bushel	50 to 60
Hay per ton	8.00 to 8.00
Straw, per load	2.00 to 3.00
Apples, per bushel	80 to 100
Dried Apples	3 to 5
Chickens, per lb.	7 to 8
Turkeys, per lb.	9 to 10
Geese, per lb.	5 to 7
Ducks, per lb.	8 to 9
Live Hogs	6.00 to 6.00
Dressed Hogs	5.75 to 5.90

ST. THOMAS MARKETS.

Wheat, per bushel	75 to 75
Oats, per bushel	43 to 45
Barley, per bushel	45 to 45
Corn, per bushel	55 to 57
Pens, per bushel	50 to 55
Butter, per lb.	30 to 30
Eggs, per dozen	25 to 25
Chickens, per pair	40 to 40
Turkeys, per pair	70 to 70
Geese, each	9 to 10
Ducks, each	7 to 7
Hay, per ton	75 to 75
Straw, per load	60 to 60
Cabbage per doz.	5 to 5
Onion per bushel	5 to 5
Celery per bunch	5 to 5
Hay per ton	8.00 to 8.00
Straw, per load	2.00 to 2.00
Wood, long, per cord	4.00 to 4.50
Live Hogs	5.75 to 5.90
Dressed Hogs	5.75 to 5.90

LONDON MARKETS.

Wheat	75 to 75
Oats	43 to 45
Barley	45 to 45
Corn	55 to 57
Pens	50 to 55
Butter	30 to 30
Eggs	25 to 25
Chickens	40 to 40
Turkeys	70 to 70
Geese	9 to 10
Ducks	7 to 7
Hay	75 to 75
Straw	60 to 60
Cabbage	5 to 5
Onion	5 to 5
Celery	5 to 5
Hay	8.00 to 8.00
Straw	2.00 to 2.00
Wood	4.00 to 4.50
Live Hogs	5.75 to 5.90
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the matter of George Cockburn, British Columbia, of the County of Elgin, General Merchant, Insolvent.

NOTICE is hereby given that George Cockburn, British Columbia, of the County of Elgin, carrying on business as General Merchant at the said town of Aylmer, has made an assignment under R.S.O. 1897, c. 1, of all his estate, credit and effects to Richard Lee, of the City of Toronto, for the general benefit of his creditors.

A meeting of his creditors will be held at the office of the Assignee, 511 McKinnon Building, in the City of Toronto, on Thursday, the 27th day of February, 1902, at the hour of 3 o'clock in the afternoon to receive a statement of affairs, to appoint inspectors and fix their remuneration and for the ordering of the affairs of the estate generally.

Creditors are requested to file their claims with the Assignee, with the proofs and particulars thereof, required by the said Act, on or before the day of such meeting.

And notice is further given, that after the 28th day of March, 1902, the Assignee will proceed to distribute the assets of the debtor amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which notice shall have been given, and that he will not be liable for the assets or any part thereof, so distributed, to any person or persons of whose claim he shall not then have had notice.

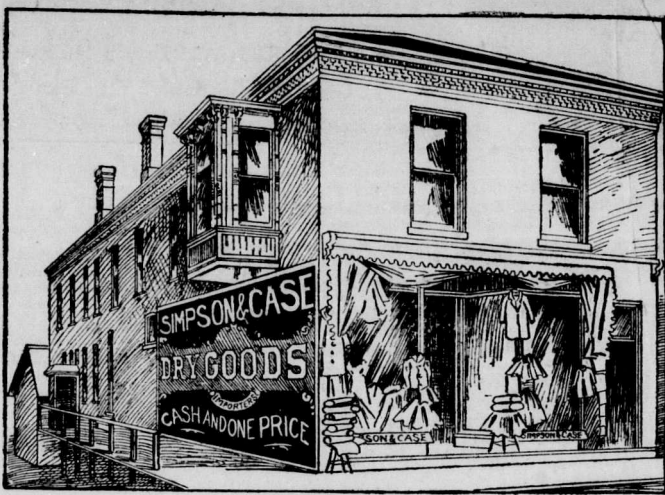
RICHARD LEE, Assignee.
Dated at Toronto, this
21st day of Feb., 1902.

Dissolution of Partnership.

NOTICE is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, W. C. Case and R. E. Simpson, under the firm name of Simpson & Case, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. All debts due to the firm are to be paid to W. C. Case, who will also assume all liabilities of the old firm.

Witness, J. W. LITTLE. W. C. CASE.
R. E. SIMPSON.
Dated at Aylmer this
25th day of Feb., 1902.

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EAST ELGIN

FARMERS' INSTITUTE

Supplementary meetings of the East Elgin Farmers Institute will be held on

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

February 28 and March 1

Friday, Feb. 28, Yarmouth Centre, at 1.30 p.m. Saturday, March 1, Mt. Salem, at 1.30 p.m. Stratfordville, at 7.30 p.m.

The meetings will be addressed by

A. McNeil, Dr. Henry Reid, and Mrs. A. Kinney.

Mr. A. McNeil, Walkerville. His subjects are "Spraying for Insects and Fungus Diseases," "Modern Methods in Fruit Growing," and "Packing and Shipping Fruit." Dr. Henry G. Reid, of Georgetown. Subjects: "Ordinary Diseases of the Stomach of Cattle," "Horse Breeding for Profit," "Diseases Incident to Newly-calving Cows and Preventive Treatment," "Care of the Brood Mare and her Foal." Mrs. A. Kinney, of Grandview. Subjects: "Home-made Bread and Butter," "Women's Institutes," "The Cheerful Life on the Farm, Social and Domestic," "Evening at the Home-stand."

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Will leave Toronto every Tuesday during March and April, 1902, at 9 p.m. Passengers traveling without live stock should take the Pacific Express leaving Toronto at 1.45 p.m. Passengers travelling with live stock should take the train leaving Toronto at 9 p.m. Free colonist sleepers will be attached to these trains. Berths may be secured on arrival at Toronto. Tickets and all information from agents Grand Trunk Railway System or M. C. DICKSON, District Pass Agent, Toronto. N. J. McCALLUM, Agent, Aylmer.



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Mr. Dafoe, of guest of relatives l Avon Circle, N annual entertaint 21st, which was Mr. Cameroa, of star of the evening Mr. and Mrs. Pu spent Sunday at M Mr. R. Swartout friends this week. Miss McIntyre, c guest of relatives l Mr. and Mrs. H were guests of Mr Miss Row, who at Alma College, her home here.

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Several of the regu attended the regu Masonic lodge of evening.

Mr. Frank Saxo Brantford, where