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## A GOOD SHOE

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County and District

John Guy of Elma, has gone on a  
visit to England the land of his birth.

John Dillington, Q. C., Stratford, will  
spend the summer in Britain.

About 55,000 pounds of wool have  
been sold in Mitchell this year.

Mrs. Dick was found dead in a pool  
of blood at 251 Bay street, Hamilton.

An inquest will be held.

Thousands of wheelmen gathered  
in Waterloo for the Canadian Wheel-  
men's Association meet.

The fee of 25 cents collected on cars  
entering the United States from Can-  
ada has been declared illegal.

Thomas Passmore, formerly editor  
of the "Patriot Canadian," was ar-  
rested in London on a charge of beat-  
ing his wife.

At Woodstock Henry Fletcher pro-  
prietor of a portable shooting gallery,  
succeeded after two attempts in tak-  
ing his life with laudanum.

The Elma township council has en-  
gaged the services of a road machine  
and are sending it out among the dif-  
ferent parts of the township.

Thomas H. Follick has been re-en-  
gaged as science master at the St.  
Marys Collegiate Institute at a sal-  
ary of \$1,000, D. A. Gluskey at \$800  
and C. F. Erret at \$850.

The County of Bruce is now entirely  
out of debt. The last cheques for the  
discharge of the county's indebtedness  
were signed by Warden McIntosh last  
week.

Maria is fortunate in possessing the  
services of an efficient collector who  
can make a showing of only \$114  
and a few cents uncollected taxes for  
the year.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thompson and  
Mr. John Whyte, Jr., of Mitchell, sail-  
ed Saturday last for England, per  
steamer "Harpur," Miss Amy Taylor  
daughter of Rev. Mr. Taylor, St.  
Marys also took passage on the same  
boat.

It is said that a certain Doon woman  
attempted to stop a trolley car  
between crossings by waving  
her hand carelessly at the conductor.  
The car stopped at the next crossing  
and she passed after it. "Why didn't  
you stop before?" Didn't you see me?"  
she exclaimed. "I thought I thought  
I thought you were throwing kisses  
at me, mum."

## PIONEERS OF PERTH.

### Rebuilding The Old Log Cabin

Reunion of Settlers of Wal-  
lace Elma and Grey at the  
Re-erection of the Log  
House First Built by  
the Late Alexander  
McDonald in  
1853.

### Reminiscences of Forty Years Ago.

An Unique Building Bee—  
The old Days Lived over  
again—Memories of some  
who are gone Recalled by  
Surviving Contemporaries.

It was a happy thought, that  
gathering of pioneers on Dominion  
Day to re-enact a typical scene of  
the days of yore in the construction  
of a memorial log dwelling. But a  
few years more and such a scene can-  
not be repeated here. It will then be  
"All are gone, the old, the familiar  
faces of eight score or more old set-  
tlers who surrounded the supper tables  
under the apple trees on Monday last.  
Not only familiar but as rugged, as  
honest and as kindly as the faces of  
nature itself, their features were  
marked by the lines of old age and  
of old to be "autochthones," sprung from  
the soil, and in one sense the legend  
of the old log house, the old log cabin,  
manly, sturdy, open-minded traits of  
character as do the early settlers  
whose whole lives were spent in direct  
contact with nature. And rightly  
they are to be held in high honor,  
they are the true nobility of any land,  
these are they to whom in days to  
come people will be proud to trace  
their lineage, who have reclaimed a  
great country and founded a great  
people.

One of the most characteristic types  
of this class was the late Alexander  
McDonald. He came into the Queen's  
bush forty years ago with the first  
party of permanent settlers of the dis-  
trict. The same year, he put up  
dwelling on his little clearing on the  
town line, east half of lot 32, con-  
sisting of a small log house, built  
until a few days ago when Mr. J. H.  
McDonald had the timbers carefully  
removed to his place in town and with  
the assistance of many of the old  
timbers rebuilt as a memorial of the  
early days. In this connection an in-  
teresting incident of the early days  
of settlement here, even in those  
days of difficulties may be re-  
lated. Mr. McDonald had bought this  
lot from the Crown for \$50 and the  
place, cleared 15 acres and built the  
log house and barn. When the land  
was surveyed, the Queen's bush was  
in 1856, the settlers had to go to  
Stratford in person to obtain their  
patents of title. It was a hard day's  
work, as may be imagined, no half day's  
holiday getting down to the classic  
city those days. The majority of the  
settlers were on foot, making  
the best shift possible through the  
bush. Mr. McDonald had every con-  
fidence in his own strength, and he  
went down to secure his claim at once.  
Hamilton meanwhile was hard up and  
resold the claim, the result being that  
in the end Mr. McDonald had to give  
up his place, his small store of cash  
and all his labor in clearing and build-  
ing gone. This was a hard blow, for  
land was not then easily obtainable  
and the times were hard.

Among those who by reason  
frailness, or absence from home, were  
unable to attend were—Mr. W. H.  
Hacking, the aged postmaster of Lis-  
towel, Mr. A. G. Campbell, Mole-  
sworth, Mr. W. G. Hay, Listowel, Mr.  
John Livingstone, Sr., Listowel, Mr.  
Thomas Page, Listowel, Mr. John Liv-  
ingstone, of Messrs. J. & J. Livingstone,  
Listowel, and Mr. Jacob Large, Lis-  
towel. The following are the names of  
those present with the year when they  
first settled in Perth county: 1853;  
1855: Alex. McIntosh, 1854; William  
Anderson, 1855; John G. Campbell,  
1854; Samuel Longhead, 1856; Wm.  
H. Cotter, 1854; Robt. Henderson,  
1881; Wm. Maynard, 1852; Robt. Cle-  
land, 1856; Henry Moore 1855; Jos.  
Lochart, 1854; Lewis Bolton, 1853;  
and Clime, 1853; W. A. Smith, 1855;  
John Channey, 1855; Alex. Campbell,  
1854; D. D. Campbell, 1854; Jas. Lee,  
1854; Robt. Elliot, 1855; Wm. Brown,  
1856; Wm. Martin, 1859; Elijah El-  
lis, 1854; Wm. McMillan, 1856; Ben-  
dickson, 1853; John Mann, 1855;  
John Clime, 1855; Adam Henderson,  
1862; George Elliot, (Mount Forest);  
Wm. Stewart, 1853; Thos. E. Hay,  
1856; Jas. Newbigging, 1856; Joseph  
Cumberland, 1854; Wm. Dunn, 1857;  
Adam Menies, 1854; Jas. Lee, 1857;  
J. Philip, M. D., 1861; David Boy, 1856;  
David Hamilton, 1875; John Hamil-  
ton, 1856; David Stewart, 1855; T.  
McIntosh, 1855; D. Campbell, 1856;  
John Howat, 1871; Edward Boyd,  
1840; John Hackett, 1841; James  
Shearer, 1857; J. Heppler, 1863;

should be anxious to erect and main-  
tain a memorial to them. He knew  
Mr. McDonald well, often used to  
dig our ozen and horses out of the  
mud together, as we were teaming  
over the primitive roads of the settle-  
ment. In '51, said the speaker, he  
helped to build the first store in the  
village. He was a kindly honest, thorough-going, yet  
impulsive man. His wife was kind-  
ness and goodness itself and the best  
she had was never too good for her  
friends. It was a sight to do one's  
heart good to see the pioneers thus  
gathered together. It was an excel-  
lent idea to have such a gathering. The  
men who created this country, who  
built the towns and the magnificent  
barns and houses of the country, the  
men who surmounted the difficulties  
of the early pioneers, who at-  
tacked the virgin forest and turned  
the rolling lands into smiling meadows  
and fertile fields, and who as a nobler  
work than the men who had led armies  
to victory. Napoleon in crossing  
the Alps was heralded in history as  
having done a deed of wondrous im-  
cunty but the work he did was no-  
thing compared with the work that  
had been done by the pioneers. He  
saw before him, who aided by their  
women, worthy assistants who were  
never afraid to share the burden and  
toils of the day, who were never  
afraid to go miles through the lonely  
woods to nurse and wait upon a sick  
neighbor, these men and women have  
done the work of the country and cre-  
ated the wealth of the country, and  
as your circumstances have improved  
the work was undertaken with a will.  
I am delighted to see in the chair to-  
day the schoolmaster who was with  
you then and is with you still, and  
times all the while. We have reason  
indeed, to be proud of our men and  
our women and our country. Mr. Wm.  
Shearer thought it was a noble idea  
to call all the old settlers together  
and have a sight of each other, and  
never see the like again. He did not  
know what the last speaker might  
have put it a little too strong. But  
the less it was a great work which  
had been done, and he was  
proud to be present among those who  
had helped to build the country, and  
Mr. Wm. Dunn had feelings of  
gladness in shaking hands with so  
many old friends, and of sadness when  
he saw that some of the old ones  
passed away. Mr. J. C. Hay said  
that possibly he spoke as one of the  
youngest of the old people present.  
He did not think that Mr. Campbell  
exaggerated one whit the importance  
of the work that had been done. The  
country with its rolling hills and  
the difficulties that had surrounded  
showered stouter hearts and more will-  
ing arms than were shown in arms  
on the field. It was far nobler in  
that it was a work of creating  
wealth instead of destroying. Such  
a gathering was not likely to occur  
again. He referred to the fact that  
no section of the country stood so  
high to day as the section immedi-  
ately surrounding Listowel in the pro-  
duction of dairy goods. The chairman  
remarked that in looking around the  
audience their appearance as regards  
their dress did not seem exactly the  
same as in the old time's gathering,  
many of which he attended, with the  
men coming in blue daisy overalls,  
with a smock to match, cow hide  
boots and an axe over their shoulder.  
However, the clothing made no differ-  
ence, "the man's dress is a good  
thing." The Rev. Mr. Cooke of Knox church,  
made a few very pleasing remarks.  
It was extremely pleasing that such  
a gathering, commemorative of the  
pioneers of the country, should take  
place on the 1st of July, the anni-  
versary of the 25th year of the Con-  
federation. From those gathered around  
him were many important lessons to  
be learned, lessons that were as true  
to the past, it was not by idleness, or  
the waste of time that progress was  
made. The present state of the coun-  
try was the noblest monument to the  
industry, integrity and character of  
the pioneers. He was more than  
pleased to be honored with such an  
attention and to meet all the old friends  
present. The chairman then refer-  
red to the fact that a number of the  
old settlers who were unable to be  
present, or who were no longer alive  
to enjoy the fruits of their labors.  
Old Mr. Cooke was mentioned, and  
Mr. Twamley, the late Wm. Clime  
and the late G. S. Clime, with the  
late James Barler and the late Mr.  
Clother, old Mr. Tremain and others  
of the older generation. Mr. Robt.  
Cleland had hardly expected to see so  
many old friends present and was de-  
lighted to be one among them. Times  
were different now from of old when  
he took nearly the whole produce of  
one hundred acres to buy boots for the  
family. Now we have country which  
would compare favorably with any  
under the sun. It was a generous  
land; it was free from famine and  
from pestilence, from tornado and  
from flood, and a man who could not  
live and live well in this country  
would make a poor show at living  
under any circumstances. He referred  
to the dairy industry with which he  
had been so prominently connected  
and to the large share that industry  
had had in the development of the  
country. He amused his hearers with  
a story of a lonely settler going  
by the way. He was in a sad and  
concluded that his circumstances  
would warrant him petitioning for as-  
sistance. So he prayed, Oh, Lord, I  
have not often asked for favors and if  
you help me this time it will be a  
long time before I ask again, but if  
you don't help me don't let me be  
the bear and you will see one of the  
biggest, but fights that ever took  
place in this settlement. Mr. Joseph  
Cumberland did not know when he had  
enjoyed himself so much as to-day.  
He remembered many of the days  
when he first came to the country.  
The first house they built was some-  
thing like the one just completed for  
the second time, and he remembered

lying down at night in it and took up  
to see the limbs of the trees over-  
head, but they had persevered through  
all difficulties and he was delighted  
to meet with so many old settlers  
who had survived to enjoy the fruits  
of their labors. Mr. Wm. Lochhead  
of Elma, felt unable to express the  
feelings which this revival of old times  
brought to his memory. He remem-  
bered seeing the late Mr. McDonald  
with an original verse of poetry be-  
speak the praises of the host of the  
day, which was received with much  
applause and laughter. Mr. Elijah  
Ellis said that comparison had been  
made between the early settlers and  
the generals of armies, and he thought  
that the work done by Nelson and  
Wellington was nothing compared to  
the work of the early settlers. He  
knew Mr. McDonald well and knew  
him for a thorough-going, whole-  
souled man, who wronged nobody and  
did his work to the last and did it  
well. We did not go to raising on  
bicycles in those days; if the old im-  
migrant was not good enough for you  
you were not good enough for him.  
Mr. Alexander McMillan, the patriarch  
of the occasion, who began life at-  
most with the century, said a few  
words upon invitation of the chair-  
man. He spoke in a sturdy strong  
voice and said we had plenty of  
speeches and all we needed was to  
take good heed of them. Mr. Edward  
Stewart, another of the patriarchs,  
recalled an incident of old Mr. Mc-  
Donald when he first came into the bush  
and was benighted near his place in  
Wallace. The mother was sick and  
they asked for shelter for the night.  
They had only an old shanty, covered  
with lashedwood tongs, but the trav-  
elers were so tired they might stay and  
welcome, and though the accommo-  
dation might not have been of the  
best, they slept soundly through till  
morning. Such a sight that we never  
marks by Dr. Gunner, a resolution  
was moved in the name of Mr. Alex-  
ander McDonald, secretary of the  
ward Stewart that "who are gathered  
here to-day on the invitation of Mr.  
J. H. McDonald, representative of  
the pioneers of Perth, hereby wish  
to express our appreciation of his  
kindness. In assembling this unique  
gathering, we are pleased to meet  
in memory of the days of the past,  
and to assist in re-erecting this mem-  
orial of his parents and his early home.  
The feelings which prompted his ac-  
tion are much to be commended and  
we are more than delighted to assist  
in a rising vote, when a verse of  
the national anthem was sung and  
the company, after which led by the  
old settlers "Auld Lang Syne. This  
was a very pleasant and happy  
able gathering and many, indeed, were  
the expressions of pleasure to be heard  
on all sides as the guests prepared to  
take their departure to their homes.

It is said that a man with an alleg-  
ed crazy brood passed through Lis-  
towel the other day, amusing himself  
by clearing the road of large stones  
as he walked along. Insanity of this  
kind should be energetically culti-  
vated.

Rev. George Fuller was inducted  
pastor of the Congregational church in  
Stratford on Tuesday. Among the  
prominent Congregationalists  
present were Rev. Mr. W. Richard-  
son, Stratford; Mr. Clime, Bradford;  
Rev. E. D. Silcox, Paris, late of Em-  
bro; Rev. A. F. McGregor, and Mr.  
James White, of Woodstock.

The growing use of the post office  
in Canada is one of the most grati-  
fying signs of progress. In 1879,  
1877 and 1878 and the total number  
of letters posted in Canadian offices  
were 41,800,000 41,510,000 44,4-  
000,000 respectively. In the years  
1892, 1893 and 1894 the number of  
letters were 102,850,000 106,290,  
000 and 107,145,000.

B. L. Benson, a gentleman well  
known to Ontario farmers, has re-  
signed his position on the staff of the  
Dominion Shorthorn Breeder's Associ-  
ation after devoting 25 years of his  
life to the service of the breeders of  
this class of cattle. On the comple-  
tion of the term of faithful service the  
Executive committee decided to grant Mr. Ben-  
son a bonus of \$50.

Golden Wedding.—On Thursday,  
June 20th, Mr. and Mrs. John Ing-  
lish, celebrated the fiftieth anni-  
versary of their marriage. The com-  
pany were united on June 20th, 1845,  
ple were united in East Happprew,  
by Rev. Mr. Edgar, in East Happprew,  
Stobo parish, Peeblesshire, Scotland.  
They emigrated to Canada in 1851.  
They emigrated to Canada in 1851,  
landing at St. John's, New Brunswick,  
and subsequently removed to Elma in 1854, settling on  
lot 23, con 6, which has been the fam-  
ily homestead ever since. Like many  
other early settlers of that period  
they were without means and limited  
opportunities of acquiring money, but  
accepted without complaint the lot  
they had. Fortunately God had bless-  
ed the settler and endured to pio-  
neers and privations incident to the  
life of a pioneer. The community join  
with their family in their congratula-  
tions, wishing the old couple the  
continued blessing of Him who has  
been their refuge and support all  
these years, and who has promised  
never to leave nor forsake those who  
put their trust in Him. In the  
life of a pioneer and through the valley  
and the shadow He will be with them.

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with shirts collars  
and ties to suit  
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