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ARKONA, ONT.

ARKONA

Steve Sadler has secured a position as drug clerk with Mr. Mutrie.

The much looked for auto failed to put in an appearance last week.

Wanted—A man to learn the printing, applied to Lorenzo E. Evans.

It is curious how the frost affects the closely clipped lawns in our village.

Lloyd Jackson, of Toronto, is spending a couple of weeks visiting his parents here.

Where there is life there is hope, another railway project is on hand this week.

Mrs. Dezeret and Miss Addie Augustine returned home from a few days visit in Colborne.

Mrs. S. E. Jackson, returned Tuesday from a few days visiting with friends in Forest.

Mr. Orville Cameron attended the wedding of his sister in Stratford, on Wednesday.

Miss Margaret Thoman attended the marriage of her friend Miss Wylie in London on Friday last.

Mr. G. N. Brown, acting manager of the Sovereign Bank, Moncton, visited his parents here on Monday.

Mrs. William Wylie and master Cleland Fair, of Durand, are visiting friends and relatives in town this week.

Mr. Arthur Muma, who has been teaching in Aberfeldy, returned home for his vacation on Tuesday last.

Mrs. Mutrie and son, of Grand Valley, are moving here this week occupying Mrs. Davidson's house.

Mr. Albert Larkin, Granton, has secured a position with the Sovereign Bank and has been sent to assist the local staff here.

It is high time that some of our citizens were raising such a heavy crop of black crows, should commence to reap and bind.

July the second passed off very quietly in town some, going to the Wisbeach picnic, some to the Glen but the majority to the lake.

Mr. John Evans, of Boscawen, has moved into Mr. Cliff's house near the school which has lately been vacated by Mr. Willoughby.

We must compliment our township council for the improvements on the large amount of work done on our road south of the village. Every body seems much pleased except automobilists.

A very pleasing event took place at Stratford on Wednesday last when Miss Jessie Cameron of this place became the bride of Mr. Will Fred of Stratford. We unite with their many friends in wishing them a prosperous and a happy future.

ARKONA

Coil Wire—Special.

Get our prices on coiled wire—3 tons just to hand.

1 only Lawn Mower, \$2.00.
2 only Washing Machines, \$3.49.
Pure Paris Green, per lb., 30c.

Bibby's Cream Equivalent.

—For Young Calves—
50lb. sack, \$2.25

For Saturday

Special prices on Fancy Biscuits and Canned Goods.

Book your order for BINDER TWINE—650 ft. and 850 ft.—Prices Guaranteed.

of bread and butter
BUTTER 15c lb. EGGS 16c doz
LEADING CEREALS

**The Slater Shoe Store,
J. GEO. BROWN.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

To Whom It May Concern:

The Village of Watford intends, at a meeting of the Council to be held on Monday the sixth day of August, A.D. 1900, to take the following action: To pass a by-law for the purpose of levying a rate of one penny in the pound on the assessed value of the property in the Village of Watford, for the purpose of defraying the cost of the maintenance of the public roads in the Village of Watford, and for the purpose of defraying the cost of the maintenance of the public roads in the Village of Watford, and for the purpose of defraying the cost of the maintenance of the public roads in the Village of Watford.

Watford, June 23rd, 1900. W. S. FULLER, Village Clerk.

ARKONA'S RAILWAY OUTLOOK.

Interim Sketch of a Prosperous Little Town.

(Special Correspondence of London Free Press.)

Arkona, June 29.—Without a railroad after thirty years' effort to secure this much needed utility, the predicament of Arkona, a village of nearly 1,000 inhabitants situated in what is considered to be the richest agricultural and fruit growing district in Canada.

Citizens of Arkona and every farmer for miles around have made desperate efforts to secure even a spur railway line for many years. They have met together and talked the proposition over hundreds of times, and would willingly put up a big bonus to any company connecting them with the outside world by rail.

The sections of Boscawen and Watford townships immediately around Arkona ships several million dollars' worth of produce yearly to all parts of Canada and Great Britain. Thousands of crates of strawberries, raspberries, thousands of tons of apples, grain and everything raised in a rich farming and gardening section have to be carried miles to the nearest line of railway. Much damage is done to the berries and fruits by long hauls in wagons, the nearest railroad point being Theford, seven miles from Arkona.

Arkona itself is a prosperous and law abiding village, is run by a reeve and council, has a public magistrate and other officials, comprising the town rulers. Local opinion is in effect and three large and prosperous churches make it a model village. The churches are of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist denominations.

While Arkona has no local water system, clear, cold springs are plentiful and fine wells are numerous. Prosperity and fine homes are leading features of the village which is situated on a range overlooking the valley of the Aux Sables River, which is a short distance over a mile away. This valley is exceedingly beautiful and rich with prosperous farms and comfortable homes.

A short distance northeast of Arkona is a famous glen cut from limestone rock and blue clay by the action of the Aux Sables River. It is a resort, renowned throughout Western Ontario and thousands of visitors view its beauties yearly. At one point there is a deep ravine, the top being about 200 feet deep with a width of 50 feet, prevailing at the river's surface. The grandeur and beauty of the glen would become famous throughout North America should a railroad line make it convenient for visitors to arrive there.

At the present time the only method of reaching the public to Arkona and the glen is by two bus lines, one from Watford, eleven miles away, and another from Theford, a ride of over seven miles. With all the improvements which have taken place in Ontario the condition of Arkona's transportation facilities have not changed to any extent for years.

Like all railway villages, Arkona has seen no growth in Arkona for years, and while new homes are being erected by successful citizens, the dearth of industries which are the life of any community, has prevented any increased population from outside. The lack of shipping facilities, the chief and almost the only reason for the dearth of industries.

There is one large basket factory, and a few similar industries which cater chiefly to home trade, and a furniture factory does a good business under the difficulties of no transportation except what is furnished by horse. The whole situation is hardly believable. An oasis in the desert, Sahara would be furnished with better shipping facilities. Yet, here is the garden spot of Western Ontario, without a road after thirty years' endeavor to secure one.

For the last ten years the people of Arkona and for miles around have been hoping, the village have been hoping with hopes, that the C. P. R. building a line through their territory on the way to a point on Lake Huron or to Sarnia. Surveys were made two or three years ago and much comment ensued among property owners as to whose land the line would cross. Hope glimmered for awhile and meetings of enthusiastic citizens took place. This was over a year ago, and the people of this section do not believe they are any nearer a consummation of their desire for a railroad.

They claim that the G. T. R. and the C. P. R. are too busy looking after their interests in Northwestern Canada to give any further attention to Ontario for years to come. They are beginning to believe that radial roads, even if they do starve their horses, are the next road to go after.

Talk of connecting with London by way of Stratford, Mr. Bridges and Lambeth is frequently heard. To all appearances a good company would receive excellent support should it bring forward a solid proposition for a radial line.

SAVE THE BABIES!

Mother, has the best of 25 years' how may you save your babies' life. Colic, diarrhoea and cholera infantum can be cured by giving your babies Baby's Own Tablets. Thousands of little ones during the hot weather months. A box of Baby's Own Tablets cost but 25 cents and there is no danger and safety in this medicinal. Give an occasional Tablet to the well child and you will keep it well. Give them to the child that is ill and you will save the life and comfort this medicine brings. And you have the guarantee of a government analyst that this medicine is not poisonous or opiate. Mr. R. Netling, Halifax, N. S., says: "Baby's Own Tablets are the best medicine for colic, diarrhoea and cholera infantum. Sold by all medicine dealers of the Empire." A. B. Brockville, Ont., says: "Keep the Tablets in the house."

Rev. A. W. Budd, formerly of Florence, was married at Belleville last week to Miss Agnes Biscombe of that city.

MASONIC FUNCTION AT NAPIER

Farewell and Presentation to Wor. Bro. W. H. Sutherland.

Tuesday evening was a memorable occasion in the history of Ionic Lodge No. 328, A. F. & A. M., when the brethren of the lodge and craftsmen from neighboring lodges assembled to do honor to Wor. Bro. W. H. Sutherland, who is about to leave his native village and mother lodge to take up his permanent residence in the city of Toronto. The business meeting included the installation of the officers elected, which was very ably performed by Right Wor. Bro. Dr. Martyn, of Alvington Lodge. Adjournment was made from 10:30 to 11:00 p.m. The town hall having been specially decorated for the banquet in a very appropriate manner. The caterer for the occasion was Mr. (A. J. Sutherland), whose reputation in this line is not excelled in the west, and the feast provided would compare favorably with the elaborate menus of a metropolitan chef. There was an abundance of everything that could be desired and the service was the best. After disposing of the viands Right Wor. Bro. Martyn took the duties of the chair, which he conducted in a most capable way. An impromptu program was presented that proved most entertaining. The king and the craft was duly honored and elicited an appropriate response on behalf of the Grand Lodge from Right Wor. Bro. A. Saunders, of Sarnia, followed by a song from Bro. Hunt, of Alvington. The feature of the evening was the presentation of a neatly worded complimentary address to the guest of the evening, read by Bro. Dunlop, of Ionic, followed by the presentation of a handsome Past Master's Jewel by Bro. Buchanan on behalf of Ionic. Wor. Bro. Sutherland made an eloquent response reviewing his connection with Masonry, extolling the virtues of the order and expressing grateful appreciation of the good will and fellowship always extended to him by the people of his native town and friends throughout the district. Bro. Sutherland is noted as one of the best after dinner speakers in the province and if possible excelled himself, although his remarks were naturally tinged with regret at the severance of the happy relations that had existed from childhood to middle age. Bro. Sutherland was heartily applauded on resuming his seat. Short responses to various toasts were made by Bros. Germaine, Morgan, Dunlop, Pope, Richardson, Robertson, Argue, McDiarmid. Bro. Mackie gave a sonnet in prose and Mr. O. Gough gave a solo in the style. The gathering dispersed at a late hour, the visitors were heartily appreciated for their appreciation of the hospitality and good fellowship of the members of Ionic, and wishing Bro. Sutherland every success and prosperity. Auld Lang Syne brought a pleasant evening's proceedings to a close.

TANTON-MOWBRAY.

At "Pine Grove," the home of the bride's parents, Eagle, on Monday, June 25, at 2 o'clock, Miss Jennie Mowbray was united in marriage to Mr. Francis Tanton, Principal of the Alvington Public School, Rev. J. F. Tanton, of Rodney, performed the ceremony.

Miss Alice Halls, of Toronto, supported the bride, while Mr. Wm. Tanton, Lyron, ably assisted the groom.

Lochgair and Mendeleschew's wedding march was beautifully and effectively rendered by Miss Edna Campbell, of St. Thomas.

Miss Mowbray has been teaching until recently in Kingsville, where she was most highly appreciated and where she will be greatly missed, while Mr. Tanton's interest and work in his school is highly esteemed.

Guests were present from Regina, Sask., Huntington, Ind.; Toronto, London and other points.

The presents were beautiful and useful, a unique feature being the presentation by the families of the bride and groom of complete library, furniture and furnishings consisting of sectional book-case, lady's secretary, library table, revolving chair, easy chair, side chairs, paintings, etc., the wood being quarter cut golden oak and most of the furniture being made in England.

The groom's present to the bride was a handsome Heintzman Grand piano in the highest form.

The bride and groom left on the evening train for Urbana, Ill., where they will spend two months at the University of Illinois. Mrs. Tanton will pursue her studies in Physical Culture and Fine Arts and Mr. Tanton a course in Mechanical Engineering.

CASSELLMAN-CLINE.

A wedding took place at the home of Mr. H. M. Casselman, townline, Warwick, on Wednesday, June 27th, when his youngest daughter, Bith, was united in marriage to Mr. J. Cline, of Adelaide. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. J. H. Hainham, of Arkona, in the presence of the bride's relatives and a few friends. Mr. and Mrs. Cline will be at home to their friends after August 1st at their cosy home near Stratford.

OLBARY-DONOVAN.

St. James church, Seaford, was the scene of an interesting event on Tuesday morning, June 19th, when Miss Marie Donovan, daughter of Mr. David Donovan, of that town, was united in marriage to Mr. James O'Leary, of Windsor, formerly one of the proprietors of the Iroquois Hotel, Petrolia. The nuptial mass was celebrated at nine o'clock by Rev. Father Corcoran. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Sallie Donovan, while the groom was Mr. John Mulligan, of Petrolia, Ont. Out of town guests were also present from Buffalo, Saginaw, Goderich and London. At the conclusion of the service the bridal party drove to the bride's home, where a dainty wedding breakfast was served. Mr. and Mrs. O'Leary left on the afternoon train

on a week's trip to Montreal and other eastern cities, after which they returned to Seaford before going to their home in Winnipeg. The groom has a host of friends in Western Ontario and all wish him a long and happy married life.

KERWOOD.

Miss Dora Richardson is home from Stayner.

Miss Annie Hall is holidaying at Grand Bend.

Miss Nixon, of Brantford, is visiting Miss Mabel Morgan.

Mrs. McLean, of Wyoming, is visiting.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that application has been made to Brooke Township Council to close the forced road, between the north parts of Lots 14 and 15 in the 14th Concession of said Township of Brooke.

TAKE NOTICE that Council will at its next regular meeting to be held in Cade's Hall, in the Village of Alvington, at 2 o'clock p. m., of Saturday, the 4th day of August, 1900, hear any person, by or on behalf of whom land might be prejudicially affected by the closing up of said road.

Witnessed By Order of Council, 23rd June 1900.

W. G. WILLOUGHBY, Clerk.

PROVINCIAL LOAN OF \$3,000,000.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO, under the authority of Chapter 4, of the Statutes of Ontario, 1900, invites subscriptions from the public for a loan of \$3,000,000 on bonds of the Province of Ontario, dated 1st July, 1900, and payable:

\$1,500,000 on the 1st July, 1920; at 5% per annum on the 1st July, 1900, and 4% per annum on the 1st July, 1901, and 3% per annum on the 1st July, 1902, and 2% per annum on the 1st July, 1903, and 1% per annum on the 1st July, 1904, and 1% per annum on the 1st July, 1905, and 1% per annum on the 1st July, 1906, and 1% per annum on the 1st July, 1907, and 1% per annum on the 1st July, 1908, and 1% per annum on the 1st July, 1909, and 1% per annum on the 1st July, 1910, and 1% per annum on the 1st July, 1911, and 1% per annum on the 1st July, 1912, and 1% per annum on the 1st July, 1913, and 1% per annum on the 1st July, 1914, and 1% per annum on the 1st July, 1915, and 1% per annum on the 1st July, 1916, and 1% per annum on the 1st July, 1917, and 1% per annum on the 1st July, 1918, and 1% per annum on the 1st July, 1919, and 1% per annum on the 1st July, 1920.

with coupons attached for interest at the rate of 5% per annum payable half yearly on the 1st January and the 1st July in each year at the office of the Provincial Treasurer, Toronto. Bonds will be of the denominations of \$200, \$500, and \$1,000, and will be payable to bearer, but on request will be registered in the office of the Provincial Treasurer and endorsed as payable only to the order of certain persons or corporations, and on request of holders may be exchanged for Ontario Government Stock bearing the same rate of interest.

The issue price during the month of July, 1900, will be par, and after the 31st July, 1900, the issue price will be par and accrued interest.

ALL BONDS AND INScribed STOCK ISSUED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE SAID ACT ARE FREE FROM ALL ONTARIO PROPORTIONAL TAXES CHARGES, SUCCESSION DUTY AND IMPOSITIONS WHATSOEVER.

Purchasers of amounts up to \$1,000 will be required to send certified cheque with the application, for a sum not over \$1,000, payments for subscription may be made in instalments 10 per cent. on application, 10 per cent. 1st August, 10 per cent. 1st September, 10 per cent. 1st October, 10 per cent. 1st November, and 10 per cent. 1st December, 1900, with privilege of paying at an earlier date, the interest on instalment subscriptions being adjusted on 1st January, 1901.

In the event of any subscriber for bonds payable by instalments failing to make payment of subsequent instalments, the bonds may be sold and any loss incurred will be charged to the purchaser in default.

Forms of Subscriptions (when payable by instalments) may be obtained on application to the Treasury Department.

This loan is raised upon the credit of the consolidated Revenue Fund of Ontario and is chargeable therewith.

All cheques should be made payable to the order of "The Provincial Treasurer of Ontario," and subscribers should state the denominations and terms (60 or 90 years) of bonds desired.

A. J. MATHESON, Provincial Treasurer, Treasury Department, Parliament Buildings, Toronto, 27th June, 1900.

Newspapers inserting this advertisement without authority from the Department will not be paid for it.

ing her sister, Miss Hughes.

Miss Disney, of Kansas City, is visiting her cousin, Miss Birdie Rogers.

Master Neil Hanna, son of Hon. W. J. Hanna, of Sarnia, is holidaying with relatives here.

KINCS COURT.

Cherries are ripe and the robin is happy.

Crops are looking fine in this vicinity, especially the corn.

Vacation has begun and the poor country small boy has to pick potato bugs.

Quite a number of the Court people intend taking in the S. S. picnic on the tenth.

Mr. Cummings has succeeded in removing his barn. We admire the go ahead of Uncle Tom.

Mrs. Jos. McCormick and daughter, Mabel, spent Monday with her sister, Mrs. John McCormick of this place.

Mr. R. Sutton, of the Court, celebrated the 2nd in Petrolia. Mr. S. had some very fine "Draughts" on exhibition. Trot them out Bob.

Mrs. Phillips, of San Francisco, Cal., who has been visiting friends in London, Ilderton, Denfield, and Ailsa Craig, has returned to her father's, Mr. Wm. Williams.

Quite a number of the Kingscourt high steppers monopolize "Johnnie's" race course. That's right, fetch them out boys, also the small boy with the bicycle. Everybody welcome, even the "girls."

So we've heard.

James O'Brien stole a ride on the Grand Trunk train from Chicago and was caught alighting therefrom in the tunnel yard Sarnia. He was sent to jail for one month.

WATFORD HOMESEEKERS' EXCURSIONS

VIA CANADIAN PACIFIC TO THE NORTH WEST

RETURN FARES:

Winnipeg	\$22.00	Strasbourg	\$28.25
Saskatoon	\$22.00	Saskatoon	\$28.25
Brandon	\$22.00	Prince Albert	\$28.25
Weyburn	\$22.00	Regina	\$28.25
Assiniboia	\$22.00	Calgary	\$28.25
Edmonton	\$22.00	Red Deer	\$28.25
Fort McMurray	\$22.00	Stettin	\$28.25
Edmonton	\$22.00	Edmonton	\$28.25

GOING:

June 5th, good to return until August 10th.

June 10th, good to return until August 15th.

July 1st, good to return until August 20th.

July 15th, good to return until August 30th.

For rates to other points and complete information apply to nearest Canadian Pacific Agent or write to C. B. FOSTER, District Passenger Agent, 71 Yonge St., Toronto.

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N. B. HOWDEN.