

## Country Talk.

### Elma.

The following is a complete list of the pupils of S. S. No. 8, who have been considered eligible to take up the studies in the class under which they are named, and their examination having been duly held and their promotion sanctioned by those in authority. Senior Fourth.—John McKenzie, Melissa Porterfield, Robt. Struthers, Junior Fourth.—Lena Crooks, Fanny Horn, James McDonald, John Struthers, Amos Porterfield, Bessie Rolland, Charles McKenzie, Henry Ludington, Mary Quipp, Clara Hiles, George Struthers, R. Hammond, Senior Third.—Aggie Struthers, Jane Hiles, Maud McCourt, Addie Carterfield, Annie Ferguson.

### Grey.

Wm. McDonald, of the Boundary, who arrived home from Manitoba a few weeks ago has been quite ill. He first had la grippe and that was followed by inflammation. We hope he will continue to improve.

**ALMOST A SERIOUS ACCIDENT.**—Thomas Johnston, of the 18th concession of Grey, had a very narrow escape one day recently. In passing through a gate in the fence, with a roller, one end of the roller caught the end of a rail, when the horses made a spring. The pole of the roller broke, causing the platform of the roller to tip forward, throwing Mr. Johnston and his little son, who were both on the roller, behind the horses' heels. The little boy swung himself clear by getting hold of the high horses' tail, but Mr. Johnston fell across the off horse's whiffletree, the roller getting onto his legs, and he was trailed quite a distance, until the boy got the horses stopped and got help to take the roller off his father. Mr. Johnston is considerably bruised, but not seriously hurt. The little boy deserved great credit for his presence of mind under such trying circumstances, and his prompt action no doubt saved his father's life.

**OBIT.**—Mrs. Brown, sr., mother of Councillor Brown, of Grey, died on Friday morning, 9th inst., at the house of her son-in-law, having reached the ripe old age of 80 years. For several years she has been failing in health, but about two months ago she slipped on the door step so injuring herself as to be thereafter unable to walk. She possessed her mental faculties to the last, having been able to call upon the members of the family by name a few minutes before she died. Many years ago she came with her husband and children from Laurier, Berwickshire, Scotland. Shortly after their arrival her husband died near Caledonia. Several of their daughters married there. With the rest of the family she came here to what was then called the bush, being one of the pioneers. For over twenty years she has lived with her youngest daughter, Mrs. Wm. Mitchell, where she died. She was a consistent member of the Presbyterian church and lived respected and died regretted by all who knew her.—Post.

### Monkton.

T. Gowan is the guest of C. H. Merryfield this week.

A. Huggins was visiting friends in Oshawa last week.

Miss A. Humberston, of Atwood, is visiting friends here.

Miss Maggie Huggins spent Sunday with her parents here.

Miss Nellie Dobbs returned home from Toronto last week.

A wedding party from Atwood paid our village a flying visit one day last week.

Miss N. Hopkins, of Ethel, is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. Heatherstone, this week.

Mr. Merryfield, our general agent, is doing a rushing business in the implement line this season.

The farmers in this neighborhood are nearly all done seeding and everything looks fresh and green since the rain.

Mr. Erskine's house on Main street is being remodelled, and, when completed, will present a very pleasing appearance.

W. R. Davis, the Conservative candidate for South Perth, will address a public meeting in Huggins' hall on June 2nd.

C. H. Merryfield, our popular machine agent, sold a handsome organ to James Porterfield last week. This speaks well for C. H.

Two large dwelling houses are being erected on Main street, which, when completed, will greatly improve the appearance of the village.

A young man in this vicinity appears to be greatly taken up with his new girl, and he is frequently seen wending his way towards Matthew's street.

The baseball club has been re-organized for the season, and we feel confident that they will be successful in winning the championship of the county.

While Messrs. Dent and Thomson, of Mitchell, were driving one of Mr. Goebel's livery horses through here the animal stumbled and broke one of its legs. The Veterinary was called but nothing could be done. This is a great loss as it was a valuable animal.

The picnic in connection with the Methodist Sunday School was a grand success, and was largely attended. Able addresses were delivered by Revs. D. Rogers, of Atwood, and C. Davis, of Ethel. The singing and instrumental music was well rendered. Proceeds amounted to \$26.

**WHAT THE PEOPLE ARE SAYING.**—That the heaviest rain of the season fell on Sabbath last, and on account of this the churches were poorly attended.

—That flags were hoisted on the 24th in honor of our Queen.—That a number of our leading politicians attended the grand reception accorded to Mr. Meredith in Stratford on May 26th.—That a young gentleman from the boundary east while assisting a young lady across a ditch was unfortunate enough to let her fall in. However, this did not discourage him as he turned up at the picnic as brisk as a bee.

### Poole.

The Temperance Hall was tastefully decorated with evergreens last Monday.

Miss Sarah Struthers, of Stratford Collegiate Institute, spent the 24th with her parents. Miss Steele accompanied her on her visit.

On Wednesday evening of this week Messrs. Schmidt, Reiner, and others will address a meeting of the electors in behalf of Dr. Ahrens.

Robert Burnett, of Galt, is visiting friends in this neighborhood. Mr. Burnett had the misfortune to meet with an accident prior to his leaving Galt and is in consequence suffering from a very sore hand.

The heart of the average boy of Poole was sick and sore last Monday on account of the heavy rain Sunday having spoiled all his plans for fishing excursions. The mature angler is also debarred from the favorite recreation the water having risen in the river to such a height as to render fishing impossible, consequently Poole is without its usual 24th of May fish story.

### Turnberry.

John McBurney lost a valuable mare and colt a few days ago.

Most of the young people of this part took in the sports in Wingham on 24th.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, of Woodstock, spent 24th May with Mr. and Mrs. Bott, of Turnberry.

Teeswater Base Ball Club succeeded in defeating Wingham club on the 24th. Score: Teeswater 12, Wingham 0.

The youngsters were more than pleased with the Calathumpian procession in Wingham on Queen's Birthday.

The Bluevale Foot Ball Club have re-organized and are now practising with a view of having a game on Dominion Day.

The Cosgrove family, of St. Marys, gave an excellent concert in Wingham on the evening of the 24th, and was well patronized by country as well as townspeople.

Several of the teachers of this vicinity were in Clinton on Wednesday last attending the funeral of the late D. Malloch, Public School Inspector for East Huron.

### Listowel.

Dr. Ahrens, Reform candidate for North Perth, was in town on Monday.

It has been decided to hold two days race meeting and sports on the park on the 1st and 2nd days of July next. Good liberal prizes will be awarded for all the events.

Hon. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education, addressed a meeting in the skating rink, last Friday evening, on the political issues of the day. The attendance was very large. The hon. gentleman spoke largely on educational matters.

As Dr. Rutherford was driving into town about 11 p.m., on Wednesday evening of last week he met a rig just as he approached the first railway track on Main street. The rig did not turn out and the Doctor's horse sprang aside, upsetting the buggy into the deep ditch, and throwing the doctor with such force as to dislocate his shoulder. His companion, Mr. Snyder, was not injured. Coming down town and securing assistance the joint was put back without a great deal of trouble. The road is so narrow at the place that on a dark night it is dangerous.

**A NOTE CASE.**—On Tuesday afternoon of last week R. L. Lillico, son of Peter Lillico, late banker of this town, was arraigned before Police Magistrate Terhune on a charge of obtaining money under false pretences. The complainant was Archibald Riddell, of Mornington, and the cause of the complaint was that Mr. Riddell had paid into Lillico's bank the sum of \$44 or thereabouts, in payment of a certain note, and for which he had been given a receipt by the defendant, with a promise that the note would be sent to him in a few days. It appears that the note was held by the Bank of Hamilton, though Mr. Riddell testified that the defendant had led him to believe that it was locked up in the safe in Lillico's bank. Mr. Riddell subsequently received notice from the Bank of Hamilton to pay the note over again, hence the action was taken against R. L. Lillico. The P. M., after hearing the evidence, considered that the case should go before a higher court and committed the defendant for trial. Bail, however, was accepted. Mr. Harding, of Stratford, appeared for the crown and Mr. Morphy for the defence.

### Brussels.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Bruce visited Wingham the 24th.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Wilson spent Sunday with friends in Wingham.

Mrs. Carter and children, of Blyth, are visiting her mother, Mrs. K. Burns.

Mrs. J. R. Grant and Miss Nessie Kay are visiting the Queen City this week.

Russel and Reginald Fletcher are visiting their grand parents in Lucknow.

Mrs. Theford, of Port Elgin, was the guest of Mrs. J. Creighton on the 24th.

J. Hill, of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. La vis, of Holmesville, are visiting at John Hill's, Grey.

Rev. Mr. Torrance, of Walton, and Rev. S. Sellery, B. A., B. D., exchanged work last Sabbath.

The choir of the Methodist church assisted at an entertainment in Blyth last Thursday evening.

The 24th was a very quiet day in town. Nearly every one that could go went to Stratford or Wingham.

Rev. Mr. Simpson, of Brucefield, preached in Knox church morning and evening last Sabbath, also gave a very interesting lecture Monday evening, subject: "China."

G. A. Fear, of Toronto, W. Rivers, of Teeswater, J. Rivers, of Guelph, W. H. Willis, of Mitchell, and G. A. Powell and wife, of Stratford, spent Sunday in town visiting friends and relatives.

**IMPROVEMENTS.**—D. Ewan has made a great improvement in his dwelling. The debris from the fire is about all cleared away.—The new wire fences at J. J. Denman's and Wm. Martin's have greatly improved the appearance of their respective properties.—John Wynn is having the dwelling on his lot on Queen street put in shape for habitation.—George Burton has made some alterations on his premises on Turnberry street.—The fence around the Grey Branch Agricultural grounds has been receiving attention. What about other alterations and improvements?

**DISTRICT MEETING.**—The annual District meeting of the Methodist church, Wingham District, was held in Teeswater on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. The worthy chairman, Rev. John Scott, M. A., presided. Rev. A. E. Smith, of Wroxeter, was appointed Secretary. The first day's session was devoted to the ministerial brethren, good portion of the afternoon being given to discussion of religious ordinances. Rev. Arch. McKibbin was recommended for a year at Cobourg University. The superannuated ministers whose names are attached to the District are Revs. J. L. Kerr, Rich. Paul and S. Swann, of Brussels, and Wm. Mills, Blyth. In the evening a public meeting was held under the auspices of the Epworth League. Timely and practical addresses were given by Revs. I. B. Walwin, Bluevale, A. E. Smith, Wroxeter, and Rev. S. Sellery, B. A., B. D., Brussels. The pastor, Rev. W. W. Sparling, occupied the chair. Excellent music was supplied by the church choir. On Wednesday morning the financial and statistical returns were presented from the various stations and circuits and on the whole they were very satisfactory and an improvement on last year. Rev. S. Sellery was elected to the Stationing Committee; Rev. W. Torrance and N. H. Young to the S. S. Committee; Dr. Towler representative of the Missionary Board. The following lay representatives were chosen to attend the Guelph Conference:—Wingham, W. B. Towler and Geo. Thompson; Teeswater, Geo. Yeo; Wroxeter, W. C. Hazelwood; Bluevale, W. J. Johnston; Belgrave, B. Bengough; Brussels, Dr. Holmes, T. Fletcher and W. H. Kerr; Walton, Wm. Pollard; Blyth, N. H. Young and Jno. Wilford; Auburn, J. Murdoch; Lonsdale, J. Braithwaite. A doctor's bill of \$15.50 in connection with the family of Rev. J. R. Isaac's was referred to the Contingent Fund, and a \$50 claim to the Sustentation Fund from Belgrave circuit. New churches have been built during the year at Blyth and Westfield, an addition put to the brick church in Wawanosh, and a lot purchased for a new church at Bluevale. (for which the contract is now let.) The following changes in the bounds of circuits were recommended:—Ebenazar appointment from Belgrave to Bluevale; Sunshine from Blyth to Belgrave; and Jackson's appointment from Walton to Blyth. If the above is approved, of at Conference Jackson's appointment will have regular afternoon service each Sabbath by the Blyth pastor. Resolutions were passed on the Federation question, on the extension of the pastoral term, the election of lay representatives to Conference and to the Teeswater people for their hospitality. The Fall District meeting will be held at Lonsdale. The meeting was brought to a close about 3 o'clock by the chairman pronouncing the Benediction.

### Stratford.

Stratford will have an independent band.

Lawn tennis and croquet are now in order.

Operations have begun on the natural gas well here.

The population in 1888 was 9,002; in 1889, 9,404; 1890, 9,906.

Stratford civic holiday this year will be on Friday, 8th of August.

The owners of flyers in the city have them out to practise every night.

John Killer, who recently moved into the City hotel, from Gadshill, is refitting that place up. Mr. Kill makes a popular hotelman.

If natural gas is found Stratford's population may be doubled in a very few years. Help along the good work by taking a few shares.

Rev. Dr. Griffin, of this city, attended a meeting of the Senate and Board of Regents of the University of Victoria College, at Cobourg, the other day.

John Hoy met with a painful accident one day recently, having the misfortune to have one of his hands crushed in the machinery at Durton's wool-en mills.

The A. O. F. have started a drill corps with a membership of 25, which they expect will be increased to 40 by the 9th of June, when the installation takes place. They are the uniformed degree, A. O. F., known as the Knights of Sherwood Forest.

The G. T. R. taxes are fixed at \$2,000 for ten years from date of inauguration and to make their assessment in keeping it had to be reduced \$193,005.00. These reductions left an assessment of \$3,529,500, on which the council struck a rate of 18 mills on the \$.

The Arkansas Democrat, of Little Rock, Arkansas, says: "John Elder, one of the most popular of Gus Blass' popular corps of clerks, is preparing to remove to Stratford, Ontario, with the intention of locating. He is a good boy and will make his way in any country, but all will regret to have to say to him the parting word." Mr. Elder will go in with Hoffman Bros. & Elder of this city.

The city band gave a thoroughly enjoyable open air concert Thursday evening, of last week. Their playing is something superior to what Stratford audiences have been treated to for a long time. The evening was decidedly cool, but this did not keep the people inside, as the streets presented an animated appearance until nearly ten o'clock. These concerts will be repeated every week during the summer season.

## J. JOHNSON

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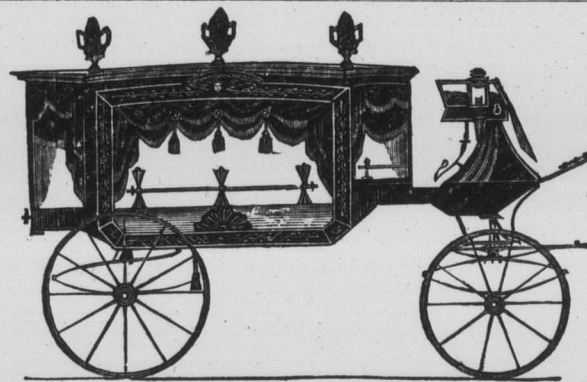
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