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School Section No. 5.

To the Editor of THE BEE.

DEAR SIR:—As an old resident of S. S. No. 5 and one who has taken a deep interest in the teachers and school, I feel it my bounden duty to reply to the letter in your last week's issue, dated Oct. 31st. If the writer of said epistle possessed any germ of manliness, which I am sorry to say he does not, he would have signed his name to his harrange of falsehoods, but no doubt he would feel ashamed to append his name to such clap-trap. It is easy to conjecture who the writer of the article is, and knowing how contemptibly and ungentlemanly he has acted I intend to hold him up to the public for inspection and let them be the judges of his actions. Now, I would call the attention of this section to the statements made by this writer, none of which are substantiated by proofs, for he knows they are false. I must state here that I feel as if I am lowering myself in the eyes of the public by condescending to notice his composition, but thinking he might glory in his own strength I beg your forbearance. He states that Ratepayer was "mistaken" in referring to the "good qualities" of Mr. Morrison as a teacher. Wherein lies the mistake? Is this scribe so blind to all truth that he cannot see that No. 5 stands in the front rank of schools in the county. "A tree is known by its fruit." Mr. Morrison's good qualities as a teacher are known by the high standing his school maintained at the last two County Promotions and also at the last two Entrance Examinations. He also comes out with the astounding revelations that Ratepayer "is not expressing the sentiments of the section at large." A marvelous statement in the face of what has transpired last week. What an insult to the petitioners? Surely he is not so void of reason as to think that he and his little family constitutes the section at large. He talks about the "imperfections" of our teacher. It is natural for an ass to bray, this it is and nothing more. He states that Mr. Morrison "insisted on being re-engaged." Now I shall enlighten this falsifier by letting him know that Mr. Morrison has pressed his engagement on *no one*. He says again he should take a gentle hint and resign. Who? A man who is giving the highest satisfaction to the majority of the section who by a single individual. But this man would like the section to know that he is Mr. Morrison arrived from—and that they should be dictated to by him. The people of the section are too enlightened to be led by an unprincipled man. Now he wants to prove his falsehoods before any "unprejudiced committee." Well, let me enlighten this petty fogger again. The ratepayers of S. S. No. 5 expressed their sentiments in a manner which speaks more than words as to their high appreciation of Mr. Morrison's services. That he has the interests of the section at heart is clearly seen by the tidy manner in which the school and yard are kept and the interest he manifests towards these entrusted to his care both morally and intellectually. Now in conclusion he states that through "illegal actions," etc., children have been driven to another section. Why did he not name them? Simply because it would strike too near home. Where the illegality comes in is only known to his own wise head. The children were taken out of school for mere spite because Mr. Morrison would not condescend to apologize for something he had no right to do. I am afraid Mr. Editor that I have trespassed too much on your valuable space so I shall close reserving the rest for the future if necessary.

ONE DEEPLY INTERESTED.

Elma, Nov. 3, 1890.

Donegal.

Send along your orders early for copies of THE BEE Pioneer Number.

The collection next Sabbath in the Methodist church is to pay for some recent improvements.

Dame humor reports that there will be a wedding (the one so much talked of) on the 12th concession before a year.

Trowbridge.

James McLac is doing a rushing business in the grain chopping line.

William Curtis, who has been engaged as chesemaker in the Trowbridge factory for the 1st two seasons, has left this neighborhood. We understand he is going to Toronto.

George Adams, son of Jno. Adams, of this place, has gone to the town of Norwich to learn the milling business. George will be missed in this village as he was a prominent member of the choir in the Methodist church, and was also an active worker in the Good Templars Lodge.

Thos. J. Later who is now attending the Model school, Stratford, spent a few days at his home last week. Thomas is looking well and will no doubt make his mark in the world as he is in possession of not only ability but that other essential to success—stick-to-it-iveness. We wish the young man every success in life wherever his lot may be cast.

Country Talk.

Ethel.

Quarterly meeting service at the Methodist church last Sabbath morning.

George Dobson has been engaged as teacher of Duke's school for next year. The salary will be \$400.

Mrs. Laird has gone to Glaston, Dakota, on a visit. There is a great deal of sickness in that section this season, typhoid fever being the prevailing trouble.

Pool.

Edward Taylor, of Topping, has secured for another term the contract of carrying the mail between Milverton and Topping.

On Sunday morning a man named George Seuter was found lying dead in a ditch on the side of the road about 2 miles from here. It is thought Mr. Seuter was driving home from Stratford and went too near the edge of the ditch in the darkness, as his horse was found dead beside him. A coroner's inquest was held Sunday Nov. 2.

Elma.

Elma Council met last week for general business.

The roads are a perfect fright in some portions of the township.

FINNISH WORK.—Some unknown person perpetrated a fiendish trick on W. H. Jolly, lot 15, con. 13, this township, last Wednesday night, by making three long slashes in the top of his covered rig with a sharp instrument rendering the top useless. Not satisfied with this dastardly trick he coolly took the whip, valued at \$1.50, away with him. As this is a penitentiary piece of work it will be well for the rascal to absent himself from the clutches of the law.

SCHOOL REPORT.—The following are the names of the pupils of S. S. No. 7, Elma, who obtained the highest standing in their respective classes for the month of October. Names in order of merit:—Fifth Class.—Hester Vallance, Henry Duncan, Robert Angus, Senior Fourth.—Ella Bennett, Junior Fourth.—George Love, Senior Third.—Walter Hamilton, Roxey Smith, Willie Ellacott, Junior Fourth.—Charlotte Hamilton, Mary Bennett, Annie Scott and Lizzie Parke, equal, Senior Second.—John Lawrence, Robt. Bowen, Nellie Little, Junior Second.—Fred. Ballantyne, Walter Ward, Andrew Denman, Senior Part II.—John Ovens, Robert Fisher, Clara Ellacott, Junior Part II.—John Hamilton and Frank Ballantyne, equal. As the examinations are held on Friday parents would do well not to keep their children from school on that day particularly, for if absent from these examinations their standing cannot be recorded.

C. J. WYNN, Teacher.

Stratford.

The Globe reports that J. R. Stewart, Stratford, won the Queen's special daily prize of a silver tea service, valued at \$25. The name of the winner of the special daily prize is to appear in the Globe each day until the Queen's word contest closes.

Grayson Smith, a former well known and respected citizen of Stratford, visited his relatives and friends in the classic city last week. Mr. Smith and his family have returned to Toronto from a sojourn of several years in England. Their many friends here would rejoice to see them settle down in Stratford again.

Cecil, son of Mr. Hamilton, collector of customs, Stratford, is, like his young townsman, Walter Buckingham, one of the best athletes among the Toronto "Varsity" boys. It is pleasing to note that these young men take high rank in their mental studies as well, and are a credit to the classic city. We notice that in the sports on Friday Cecil won second prize in a 220 yard race; 3rd in a 100 yard; 2nd in a 40 yard; and 1st in a 40 yard race, open to amateurs.

A few days ago while workmen were engaged in leveling the newly acquired grounds of the Collegiate Institute they unearthed what appeared to be of stones blackened by fire, about 2 feet beneath the surface of the ground, and having promised to give intelligence of any signs of Indian occupancy to H. Nichol who is an enthusiastic collector of Indian relics and curios, the latter hastened to the spot armed with shovel and rake. Going carefully over the ground his labors were rewarded with twenty-two flint arrow heads and one flint knife, making his total collection twenty-six, with the others found previously near the same spot. It is a matter of regret that several other fine places on the lower grounds are now filled over. The workmen in charge never surmised what the articles were at the time they were exposed. According to Parkman, this western section was part of the territory of the "Neutrals" and doubtless in ages past has seen scenes of strife similar to that witnessed by the early Jesuit fathers between the fierce Iroquois and their Algonquin adversaries in the remote past. Any one who wishes to see the relics in question can do so by calling at the jail office, and those who may have any similar relics in their possession would find a willing recipient in the person of the gentleman who has charge of the institution named.

Logan.

John Karn's auction sale of farm stock on lot 3, con. 1, on Friday Oct. 31, was most successful, particularly in live stock. An eight-year-old mare was sold for \$108.50, and a two-year-old colt for \$79. The cows averaged \$33 each. The highest bid on the farm of 100 acres was \$4,225, and \$4,700 was afterwards offered privately, but refused the property being held at \$5,000. Thomas Trow, of Stratford, wielded the hammer in his usual satisfactory manner. Mr. Karn, who is in receipt of a pension from the United States Government intends to retire from farming.

Brussels.

Geo. Love, sr., of Harriston, was in town Monday.

Rev. McIntyre, of Toronto, preached in Knox church last Sabbath.

H. L. Jackson has moved into his new stand in W. Blashill's block.

Rev. S. Sellery, M. A., B. D., preached in Auburn for Rev. F. Swann last Sunday.

Mrs. Simms has moved to H. L. Jackson's old stand, next to Scarf & Ferguson.

Rev. McIntyre preached at the Union service on Thanksgiving Day in Melville church.

Mrs. E. Town and two children, of Fort Gratiot, Mich., is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. S. Crawford.

Miss L. O'Connor's concert last Tuesday evening was a decided success. All taking part acquitting themselves creditably.

Rev. R. Paul occupied the pulpit of the Methodist church last Sabbath morning, and Rev. S. Jones supplied it in the evening.

Last Monday evening Rev. R. Paul delivered a very able address on "Punctuality" in connection with the Y. P. C. A. of the Methodist church.

Brussels Council of Royal Templars of Temperance now number 107. This is a move in the right direction, and every one should help.

On Wednesday of last week while A. Currie and family were enjoying their dinner they were startled by a sudden howling of a dog and when Mr. Currie went to the wood-shed he found his collie "purp" had fallen into the cistern which was nearly full of water. With one grip of "Butcher's" strong arm the canine was removed from its cold bath, more scared than hurt.

Grey.

Fall work is much delayed owing to so much wet weather.

Mrs. Hunsicker and daughter have gone to Fort Gratiot, Michigan, on a visit.

Henry Scott left for Muskoka, where he purposes working in the shanties all winter.

Mrs. Wm. Perrie has been quite ill during the past week. Her heart is troubling her.

The days of organizing literary and debating societies for the winter months are high at hand.

Look out for another wedding on the 5th con. before long. Miss says it is not so but we will wait and see.

Coral Engler has been engaged as teacher in Whitfield's school house for 1891. He gets \$250. This is his first school.

John and James, sons of Adam Douglas, con. 16, arrived home lately. They were in Washington Territory for several years.

C. Boverman, teacher in No. 8, and who goes to No. 1 next year, has rented A. R. Smith's farm, which is very convenient to the school. Cornelious is always in luck.

Jim still visits across the bridge evenings. The rest of the boys are getting quite jealous of him. One fellow says he ought to be reported, but where would you report him to.

Several from this vicinity who attended the lecture at Brussels, of Prof. Pantou, of Guelph Agricultural College, on the "Wonders of Yellowstone Park," says it was one of the finest lectures they ever heard.

Wm. Botz and wife, of Kansas, were visiting at Philip Botz's the other day. They are well pleased with their western home and have succeeded well under the reign of Uncle Sam. They have lost none of their love for the land of the maple leaf.

Most of the winter apples were delivered at the different shipping points last week. Load after load might be seen on the different lines every day. The crop turned out a great deal better than was expected and at the prices obtained a nice sum was realized from the orchard.

The Morris and Grey cheese factory will likely wind up operations for the year this week. They have had a successful season and a large make. Mr. Edgar is to have charge of the store house of Messrs. Stewart & Lowick, Brussels, this fall and coming winter as weighmaster.

Died.—Saturday, Nov. 1, Mrs. Jeff. Williams died after an extended illness of that fell disease—consumption. Three or four years ago she went with her husband to Washington Territory but the country not agreeing with her she came back here a few months ago and resides with her mother on the 9th con. Mr. Williams is still in the west. The funeral took place on Monday forenoon of last week, the interment being made at Brussels cemetery. The deceased was a sister of Mrs. R. W. Tack, formerly of Cranbrook.

Turnberry.

Did you have your turnips taken up before the snow storm?

Pa, please clean your shoes or you will spoil our new carpet.

How are the roads down your way? Miserable, very miserable indeed.

Mr. Frazer (Turnberry's prize ploughman) was one of the judges at the plowing match recently held near Motesworth.

We are glad to know that the boys on this line are becoming more civilized. Halloween tricks are now almost a thing of the past.

Herb Henning's auction sale held last Friday was a success in almost everything but the weather. Although snowing all afternoon the sale was well attended, the stock being sold at good prices, but the implements as usual going a little low.

Andy C. Mill, the genial milk-drawer of the 6th con., makes the last trip of the season to-day (Friday). During the summer Andy has proved himself to be both competent and obliging and no doubt those concerned hope he may get the job for several seasons to come.

Listowel.

Lots of mud on Main and Wallace streets just now.

Nelson McEain spent Sunday in Atwood. Wonder if he has any attraction there?

Rev. E. St. Yates, of Atwood, preached an able and impressive Thanksgiving sermon in Christ church last Thursday. He has an excellent delivery.

J. H. Gunther's new advt. will be read with interest in this issue. J. H. is "doing" the jewelry business in Listowel. This is the result of his push and enterprise.

Lewis Bolton, P. L. S., returned home on Saturday from Algoma, having been engaged during the past two months or so in surveying a couple of townships in the Spanish river district.

A fine collection of specimens of ores, etc., can be seen in the window of J. H. Gunther, Jeweler. They are the property of Jas. McGregor of this town, and were sent him from a western mining region.

The Guy Bros. Minstrels appeared to a good house on Thursday evening of last week, but not as large as the merits of the show should have drawn. The show is one of the finest minstrel organizations on the road and at every appearance have received the flattering encomiums of the press.

WINTER TIME TABLE.—The G. T. R. have issued a winter time-table. The morning train for Stratford reaches here at 8:43, about two minutes earlier than formerly. The taking off of the second train north of Palmerston on alternate days goes into effect with the new time-table, and is not likely to give any more satisfaction to the travelling public than on former winters.

P. O. Inspector Hopkirk was in town on Monday of last week. Mr. Hopkirk informed us that similar mail arrangements between Listowel and Stratford as were in force last winter are again being affected. This gives us an open mail service going south on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, and on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons; also a closed mail bag for Stratford on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings.

Bro YELLS.—J. Livingstone of the flax mills informs us that he took 39 well filled wagon box loads of carrots of a little less than an acre of ground. Allowing 20 bushels to the wagon load which is a low estimate, his crop of carrots would be 780 bushels—a pretty good yield. John Giddens, of Howick, we are informed, did even better than this, he having taken 20 wagon loads off a quarter of an acre of land. The mangold and turnip crops hereabouts are simply immense, several farmers that we have heard of estimating their yield at from 1,000 to 1,200 bushels per acre. With such root crops farmers should make well out of fattening stock.

LIVERY STABLES BURNED.—Thursday morning, Oct. 30, a few minutes after 2 o'clock, the rear part of the livery stables on the corner of Wallace and Tuckerman streets, of which D. M. Simpson is present proprietor, Messrs. Kidd Bros. being owners of the building, was discovered to be on fire. When first seen the fire was breaking through the roof, having evidently been ignited in the hay loft. An alarm was quickly sounded and a rush was made by those first on the scene to save the horses, there being nine in the stables immediately below the loft. The horses were all got out without much trouble; one of them, however, was pretty badly suffocated with smoke. The wheeled vehicles were also run out safely into the street, but the cutters which were stored upstairs in the brick part of the stables, were nearly all destroyed. Ten sets of single harness and two sets of double harness, which were in a room at the rear of the stable, were also burned. Messrs. Kidd Bros. loss will be fully covered by insurance, they having \$350 on the wooden portion and \$250 on the brick, the latter not being very much damaged. Mr. Simpson's loss, which will probably amount to \$600 or \$800, is also covered by insurance, his policies on the contents amounting to \$2,600, in the Perth, Waterloo and Northern. How the fire started is a mystery.