

To our Correspondents.

We have a number of correspondents whose contributions have not been so frequent as we would like to see them. To these we have a word or two to say. The town topics are supposed to be gleaned as possible by the editor and his staff here. For country happenings we will depend on our correspondents who are just as important in their respective spheres as the editor is in his. No news is too small for us to value, but light local gossip and rude jibes without any point in them cannot be regarded of much value outside the person who writes them. Births, deaths, marriages, accidents, sickness, visits from friends at a distance and lots of other things should find their way to the local paper, and we shall welcome any information from any reliable source, whether a correspondent or not. We want news and now that the evenings are growing longer, and young people in the country are mingling more amongst one another, we should be able to fill our pages every week with good wholesome information that will be read with interest and profit wherever the GUIDE goes. We invite every correspondent to send us in a budget as frequently as possible and see how the paper will be improved by the effort.

Objections to the Ontario School Act

Beyond the fact that the minimum salary clause is no longer needed, the shortage of teachers having operated to raise rural salaries up to and, in many cases, above the minimum provided in the Act, there are sound practical objections to the working out of the clause. One is that the schedule of salaries is not planned with any relation to the work to be done in the school. A section with high assessment and consequent high salary may have very few children of school age; the section alongside of it, with low assessment and consequent low salary, may have twice or three times as many children attending school. Another defect is that under the clause the salaries are not really fixed by the wealth of the section, as intended by the law, but by the basis of valuation adopted in the council. In some cases the assessed valuation may be only forty or fifty per cent. of the real value, in others, as in Lambton, it may be ninety or ninety-five per cent. Under the act the scale of salaries in one county will be much higher than in the other, the real value of the property comprised in the school sections being the same.

The Canadian knows of cases in Lambton where the salary called for by the act is out of all proportion to the value which even the very best teacher could render. Some salaries are too high and some too low. There are salaries where the trustees pay more than the act calls for.—Sarnia Canadian.

Superintendent of Fall Fairs in Ontario Steps Down and Out.

Mr. H. B. Cowan, Provincial Superintendent of Fall Fairs, has tendered his resignation. His salary was \$1,000 a year, on the understanding that he should be allowed to devote a portion of his time to editing The Canadian Dairyman and The Horticulturist. Mr. Cowan will now devote himself entirely to his editorial work.

It is probable that Mr. J. Lockie Wilson, who is an ex-president of the Farmers' Association of Ontario, will be his successor.

Killed By a Train.

Edward Scholz, who has been for some time back in the employ of the Sarnia Bay Mill Co., was struck and instantly killed by a Pere Marquette train in Port Huron about seven o'clock on Monday evening. Deceased was a man of about 48 years and has a wife and family living in Russia. He came to this country some months ago and secured employment at the Sarnia Bay Mills, remitting his wages to his family in Russia.

When struck by the engine he was dragged 180 feet. Both legs were cut off and his body was badly mangled.

Found Dead at Table.

Windsor, Ont., Nov. 27.—James Tompkins, who had been employed at Mulcaster livery stable about five years, was found dead at a table on which he had his supper. Death evidently came to him as he began to eat. He still had in his hand a piece of bread, from which a single bite had been taken. Tompkins had a severe fall from the loft of a barn a few weeks ago, but apparently had recovered from its effects. He was 65 years of age. His relatives are believed to live at Brockville or at Orangeville, Ont.

CHOP STUFF.

Alvinston young men have organized a literary club.

Jas. Watson, a prominent Sarnia business man, is dead.

The Strathroy Hockey Club has re-organized for the season.

Mr. McKay, of Briden, will open a butcher shop in Wyoming.

The Alvinston casing factory shipped four cars to the west last week.

Mrs. Hannah B. Russell, an old resident of Plympton, died last week.

Fred Stacey, telegraph operator at Watford, has gone to New Ontario.

It cost S. Miller 75c. to shove N. Hill born off the sidewalk in Thorndale.

Jas. Scott, of Keyser, dropped dead while pulling a buggy out of the barn.

Mayor Bell and W. G. Freaney will be candidates for the mayoralty in Forest.

Ebenzer Roy, a former prominent Bosanquet farmer, died in Michigan recently.

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Our Stock of Christmas Goods this year, is Larger and Brighter than it has ever been before, and this is saying much.

WE HAVE GIFTS SUITABLE FOR Everybody, in Great Variety, AND

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VASES
STATUARY
CUPS AND SAUCERS
PLAQUES
JARDINIERS
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This year we have an exceptionally good assortment of Toys for the Boys and Girls.

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GIRL WANTED, immediately, general housework.—Mrs. C. POTTER.

FOR SALE.—Three first-class robes, 2 sets single harness. A bargain. Apply to I. P. Taylor.

W. E. FITZGERALD has for sale several good farms in this vicinity and also a few dwelling house properties in Watford and a good building lot.

FOR SALE.—Two story brick residence, corner Hyron and McGregor streets, two lots, full basement, heated by furnace, every convenience. Apply to G. H. Wynne.

CARD OF THANKS.—Mrs. Hume and family desire to thank the friends and neighbors for their sympathy and kindness during the illness and at the time of the death of the late Florence Hume.

HAVING disposed of my butcher business all accounts must be settled forthwith, or they will be handed into court for collection.—W. H. COOK.

We are still prepared to receive live poultry Tuesdays and Fridays. Dressed poultry must be properly prepared or will be docked, cleaned right and not scalded.—S. STAPLEFORD.

CARD OF THANKS.—Mr. W. Styles wishes to express his grateful appreciation of the many acts of kindness and sympathy extended during the illness and after the death of his late beloved wife.

CARD OF THANKS.—I wish to acknowledge the prompt and satisfactory manner in which the Empire Accident Insurance Co., through their local agent, F. J. Hughes, adjusted my claim for illness, and can commend the Co. to all who desire reliable and satisfactory accident insurance.—E. DOWDING.

CHANGE OF BUSINESS.—Oscar J. Cook has purchased the butcher business of W. H. Cook, and will carry on the same. Keeping in stock a first-class stock of meats of all kinds at reasonable prices. The patronage of the public is respectfully solicited, and nothing will be left undone to meet their wants. All orders will receive prompt and careful attention by experienced butchers.

If you own a buggy it will pay you to equip it with the Williams' adjustable axle nut. It does away with axle washers and end knocking of the wheel. A rig fitted with this nut will run forty per cent. easier. Guaranteed to wear out three rigs. Ask for testimonials of local people who have it in use. We are also agent for the Massey-Harris cream separator, the greatest skimmer on the market, easy to clean, light to run.—J. J. SPACKMAN. n30-2t

MISS NESBITT would like to call the attention of her friends in Watford and vicinity to the many dainty little things she is preparing for the holidays. Little paintings in water colors in scenes, figures, sepias, and black and white paintings on silk, enlarging pictures in any size, in water color, sepia, pastel, Oil, crayon, framed in up-to-date style, and at reasonable prices, would be pleased to have you call, Studio Main St. over Fitzgerald's Law Office. id-25

MARRIED.

On Thursday, Nov. 15, at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Strathroy, Constance Isabel, eldest daughter of G. M. Thompson, to Herbert Bruce Wilkinson of Sherbrooke.

At the Methodist Parsonage, on Nov. 14th, by Rev. M. L. Pearson, John William Field, of Kapler, to Miss Lottie Elmina Randall, of Michigan.

In Oil Springs at the Methodist Parsonage by Rev. W. Hauch, on Tuesday, November 20th, 1906, Mr. Thomas Barnes to Miss Laura May Alexander, of Petrolia.

DIED.

In Plympton, on Sunday, Nov. 18th, 1906, Andrew Beattie, aged 78 years.

In Plympton, on Tuesday, Nov. 20th, 1906, Hannah B. Russell, in her 71st year.

CHRISTMAS MOUNTS.

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Just added, the newest feature in Photography, COLORED PHOTOS.

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