

Prince Edward News and Views

Our peninsula with its almost entire water boundary is the scene of some strange phenomena in climate. Just at present we can look away to the hills rising north of us and note the absence of snow, while we have a quite a covering of the "white mantle." In fact in our county town a number of cutters and sleighs have been in use for nearly a week.

Again, though Quinte's surface is being well coated with the ice-bridge linking up our northern shores with Hastings County, our little inland lakes, Glenora and Concession refuse to submit to the Frost King, at least for a time.

And the source of several of these strange, yet beautiful little lakes is just as much a mystery, for surrounded by shores of, for the most part, limestone formation, with no great mountain slopes their extent and depth is not easily accounted for.

Indeed the mysteries of nature are as perplexing as some of our local problems. Just why the east and much of the south of our peninsula is forced to remain so isolated and unconvened by the absence of a better railway system and why with the decrease of lake craft there is

scarcely any connection with the mainland except at the western part is matter for question again and again.

Many farm houses (very good buildings too) are vacant and farmers already overworked are attempting to look after more and more of these deserted farms. The rural problem is made more intense by the removal of so many of our good citizens and the consequent increase of toll and taxation.

Inasmuch as we are noted for, canneries and condensereries are becoming quite a feature, also as creameries are popular and our seed-houses with their splendid enterprise are in a flourishing condition, why should our Department of Immigration not interest more people to settle our part of the Dominion subsidizing if necessary, as they have done in certain parts of the unsettled West?

We talk of consolidated schools, community halls, co-operative farmers, etc., but we need more farmers, more rural settlers, more children in the rural sections, if we are to keep up the fact of a community at all. Our climate is all right. What is wrong?

OBSERVER.

FOXBORO

Rev. A. S. Kemp occupied the pulpit in the Methodist church both morning and evening on Sunday last. The sermons were most impressive.

Teachers and scholars are busy practicing for the Xmas tree to be held in the Sunday school room of the Methodist church on Friday evening, Dec. 24th.

Mrs. Charles Dyer and children of London, Ont., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Embery.

Mrs. W. R. Prentice visited her son and family at Hastings on Friday evening of last week.

Mrs. Frank Demore visited relatives in Stirling last week.

Master Russell Pittman visited Master Merle Wickert on Sunday last.

Miss Ferns Morton took dinner with her friend, Miss Mabel Snider, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Palmer returned home after spending several days across the bay and in Belleville visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ashley also Mr. and Mrs. C. Rose took tea at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Gardiner on Friday evening.

Master Walker Prentice spent Sunday with his friend, Master Jack Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Watt and children, visited the latter's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Thrasher on Sunday.

Master Jack Davis took tea with Master John Stewart on Friday evening.

CAMPELLFORD

Mr. T. Brown, of Toronto, was in town on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. James McLean visited relatives here over Sunday.

Miss Queens Swartz of Toronto, is visiting Miss Kathleen Locke.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McColl of Wooler, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Green left this week for Ottawa, where they will spend a few weeks with their daughter, Mrs. B. W. Kemp.

Messrs Wm. Stewart and son were successful in winning first prize on a Junior Ayrshire bull calf at the recent winter fair at Geoph.

Mr. Donald Graham son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Graham arrived home on Friday evening from Detroit, where he spent several months.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Green have moved from Meyersburg where Mr. Green made cheese during the past season and are now occupying Mrs. J. T. Vesper's residence.

WELLINGTON.

Smallpox is now almost extinct and the few cases still in quarantine will soon be released. Three residents have had a stroke during the past few days. Mrs. Wiltsie, Mrs. Wood and Thomas Gallagher. The latter was out on Saturday morning but he fell ill later in the day.

James Wild and his wife had the greatest surprise of their life last Thursday morning, as about thirty members and attenders of Friends congregated at a neighbor's house, then at a given moment trooped across to Wild's home with their well filled baskets and had a great dinner party. The whole thing had been kept so quiet that it was a genuine surprise party that will long be remembered. After dinner the friends spent a pleasant social afternoon together, and all seemed to be

pleased and satisfied that the Friends minister and his family had got such an excellent residence.

Our school children had a Christmas tree at school on Wednesday. The Anglican church were to have their Christmas tree at the Masonic Hall on Thursday night. The Methodists are to have theirs at the same hall on Monday. The Friends, theirs at their minister's home on Thursday night. The Methodists are having special Christmas music next Sunday, the Church of England are also, and the Friends are having a special program on Sunday morning and the story of the birth of Jesus told by the minister at night.

MADOC.

Mrs. O'Flynn of Toronto, was renewing acquaintances in town this week.

Mrs. Harden, of Brighton, spent a few days last week renewing acquaintances in town.

Mrs. (Dr.) Traenmer and Baby Ross, of Arthur, Ont., is spending a few weeks at her home here.

Mr. Dave Kelly, of Kelfield, Sask., is home for the winter and has bought Mr. Tom Nickles' home.

Mr. Jack Ashe, of Toronto, has returned to Madoc for the winter.

Mr. Al Moon, of Markham, has returned to Madoc and has rented the house lately occupied by Mr. Bert Connor.

Mr. Jas. A. Caskey, Mr. John McCaffrey and Mr. Frank Trotter, of Hart's Farmer's Club are attending the U. F. O. Convention in Toronto this week.

Mr. E. J. Tanner has opened up a livery business in Madoc and Mr. and Mrs. Bateman Tanner are moving into town.

Mr. A. H. Watson left on Monday for Toronto where he will attend the U. F. O. convention this week, from there he goes to Brampton to spend Christmas.

FRANKFORD.

Mrs. Foster returned home on Wednesday after visiting her sister, Mrs. Redick Acker, of Hoard's for a few days.

The concert given by the Swiss Bell Ringers in Windover's Hall on Wednesday evening was largely attended and enjoyed by all.

Mr. Redick Acker, of Hoard's, had dinner with his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Badgley, on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Pollard, Sr., returned from their visit to Sagawag, Mich., on Wednesday.

Mrs. Henry Chase went to Trenton on Thursday.

The annual box for the Children's Shelter at Belleville was packed at the home of Mrs. Arthur Ford and the donations were generous, consisting of new and second hand clothing, canned fruit and pickles and other things.

The December meeting of the W. M. S. was held at the home of Mrs. W. E. Windover on Thursday afternoon and was very much enjoyed by those present. The January meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Korman.

Mr. Fred Cory shipped hogs from here on Thursday.

Miss Alice Windover spent the afternoon and had dinner with Mrs. and Miss Bowen on Thursday.

Mr. Wilson from near Ottawa, is renewing old acquaintances in town. Mr. Wilson was formerly an employee of the Canning Co. here.

Mr. T. Cambridge, of Oregon, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Cambridge after an absence of a number of years.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Patrick, of Glen Miller, were the guests of Mrs. Jim Carr and son, Ralph, on Sunday.

Miss V. Smith, of Campbellford was in town attending the funeral of her grandmother, Mr. Lester Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Herman of Trenton, spent Tuesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Murray.

Miss Maggie McMahon spent Sunday and Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McNeil in Murray.

MELBOURNE.

Mrs. James McLaren spent Friday last with her sister, Mrs. T. Smith. An epidemic of severe colds is going the rounds in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Osborne spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Simpkins.

Miss Osborna, of New Brunswick is visiting her uncle and aunt of this place for a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. George English and son Clayton motored to Tweed on Sunday last for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. William Mainprize and family of Bowmanville are visiting the latter's parents through the holidays.

4TH CON. THURLOW.

The W.M.S. held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. W. Latta's. In the afternoon the ladies pieced a quilt. In the evening tea was served to the ladies and their husbands, after which a good program was provided. The collection amounted to nearly twelve dollars.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Badgley spent Thursday in Sidney at Mr. J. A. Lott's.

Mr. Garnet Grills visited at Mr. W. Vatemann's on Sunday.

Mrs. H. Bradshaw visited at Mrs. M. Windover's on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ritz spent Monday at Mr. D. Phillips.

ETH LANE OF SIDNEY.

Mr. Ed. Bartlett has recently purchased a farm from Mr. Fred Longwell, of Toronto. We are delighted to know that Mr. Bartlett and family have decided to locate on his line.

Master Burleigh Johnson underwent an operation on his throat in the Belleville Hospital one day last week and is doing nicely.

Misses A. Bamber and Eleanor Johnson spent over Sunday with friends in Belleville.

A number of this line attended the dance given at the home of Mr. Hubert Gay.

Mr. George Clement has engaged Floyd Bartlett to work for him the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim McCullough visited at Mr. Herb. Casey's of Zion last Sunday.

Messrs Jack McKeown and Wm. Bird purchased some cows at Mr. Will Wood's sale.

Mr. and Mrs. A. McConnell attended the Presbyterian anniversary service on Sunday evening.

STOCKDALE

Mrs. Thos. Sargent spent Saturday in Belleville.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Wannamaker spent Friday at Mr. H. Roschus's at Glen Ross.

The regular meeting of the W.M.S. was held at the home of Mrs. C. Wannamaker on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Lenoir spent Sunday at Mr. S. Fox's.

Mrs. C. Johnson is spending a few days at Mr. P. Sargent's.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Bates and Hazel, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. N. Bates.

Considerable sickness is prevalent in the village, especially amongst children.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Sullivan and also Mr. and Mrs. J. Barlow, of Bonar Law, spent Sunday with Mrs. S. White.

Mr. Chas. Chase is cutting wood at the river for Mikel Bros.

The annual Christmas School was held on Thursday, Dec. 23. A good programme was given and Santa Claus was there "in person" to see the children.

Mr. Arthur Osterhout is home from Normal School at Peterboro to spend the holidays.

STIRLING

Mr. Jas. Dixon, of Campbellford, was the guest of Mr. Percy McGuire over Sunday.

Mrs. Clifford Hutton and children, of Toronto, are guests of her father, Mr. L. Melickjohn.

Mr. Geo. Bush, of Smith's Falls, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bush.

Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. H. Tyler and two little boys of Toronto, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. Hutton.

Misses Annie Mosher and Myrtle MacMillan spent the week end with Mrs. Clifford Sharp, Wellman's.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Sharp, Wellman's, are visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Sharp, Wellman's.

Mrs. Lorretta Johnson was the guest of Mrs. A. Bailey on Sunday.

Mrs. Snider of Coe Hill, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Hockey and Mrs. Arthur Hulin returned home on Monday.

Mrs. Jack Haight and baby came

down from Peterboro on Tuesday to visit her mother, Mrs. C. Kirby who is very ill.

Miss Margaret Hoag, Kingston, social service worker in the S.O.R., spent Wednesday of last week in our town.

Mr. George Morrow who purchased a farm in Sidney moved there this week.

Thos. MacConnell returned home yesterday from Cayuga, for the Xmas holidays.

Miss Evelyn Moore of the Bank of Montreal staff, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Moore returned to Toronto Saturday last.

—Stirling Leader and News-Argus.

BANCROFT

Mr. James Thompson is confined to the home with a severe attack of blood poisoning.

Miss Elizabeth Hostler, of Hermon, was the guest of Mrs. Thos. Walker on Monday last.

Mr. Robt. Buchanan and Mr. Thompson of Campbellford, were business visitors in town this week.

Mr. P. Sutherland, and Miss McIntyre, of Baptiste, were week-end visitors the guests of friends in Montezuma Valley.

Mr. James Kelly, of Pandash, is suffering from an attack of blood poisoning. At present writing he is confined to his home, and in a serious condition.—Bancroft Times.

MARMORA

Mr. Ford Grant, of Winton, Sask., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Grant.

Miss Ruth Edwards, of Copper Cliff, is a guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Grant.

Mrs. John Gray, an aged lady, had the misfortune to fall and break her arm on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Doyle, of Campbellford, are visiting the former's parents this week.

Miss C. Frye has returned to her home here after spending some time in Lindsay.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Frye and children, of Campbellford, visited Mrs. Frye's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Maylor, on Sunday.

Mr. Everett Murphy, who has been in Regina and other parts of Western Canada during the past summer, returned to town last week and is visiting his father Mr. Jas. Murphy.—Marmora Herald.

Obituary

WALTER STEVENS MORDEN.

Walter Stevens Morden, son of John and Mary Mason Morden, was born in Redversville, Prince Edward County, Ontario, September 22, 1855.

He was the youngest son in a family of ten children, of whom only a sister, Miss Lenora Morden, of Ross-More, Ontario, survives.

After his graduation from the Belleville High School, he studied medicine in the University of Michigan, graduating from there in 1880.

After which he located in Macon, Mich., where he practised for 23 years. He moved to Saline seven years ago, and established a large practice here also.

He was united in marriage September 9, 1882, to Miss May Fanning of Macon, who, with their two children, Mary, a teacher in the Detroit public school, and Walter, in business in Macon, and three grandchildren, Walter, Herbert and Mary, survive him.

His death occurred very suddenly on Monday evening, November 8, 1920, soon after retiring in his usual health and cheery spirit.

Dr. Morden was a member of the Masonic lodge and of the Macabees, had been a director of the Saline Citizens bank for the past 11 years, and served on the school board and cemetery board at Macon for about 25 years. He was at the time of his death president of his alumnae class of the U. of M.

A faithful husband and father, a sympathetic and loyal friend to the large circle of people with whom he came in contact as physician and citizen, his loss will be very keenly felt by one and all.

Funeral services were held at his late residence on Friday forenoon, November 12, at 10 o'clock. Dr. William H. Hoffman of Detroit officiating. Interment took place at Macon cemetery midst a wealth of flowers and where a host of his Macon friends had gathered to pay their last respects to him.

Life's purpose as it seems to me is not to gather fame or gold; Not to attain some high degree, Of pomp and power and then grow old.

In life's commission I can read No charge to reach a high estate, I am not bound to do one deed For which mankind shall deem me great.

But I am ordered down to earth To live and serve the best I can; To shape my soul and prove its worth, And be, no matter where, a man.

Instead of always being so ready to ask what other men are willing to do for the town, do the best you can and let the other men take care of himself.

California Has 'Quake a Week'

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day time and as their rest was frequently disturbed by this at night their busy lives lasted only a short time. In the days when the gravel pits were on the Donnelly farm in Sidney half way to Trenton, the fire horses had a busy time. A fire started frequently when the horses were out there. In that case if the wind was in the right direction the drivers would hear the bell. They would un hitch the team and race in for town. A Paul Revere ride was done every few days. When the horses reached the city they were white with dust and gasping for breath. The fire would have burned itself out or set some house going instead. The volunteer firemen would be ready with their axes and big rubber coats and No. 1 company was ready to lick No. 2. Those were the happy days.

Can't Get Used to 'Em.

There is something about an earth quake thrill that is different. You don't mind the first or second one because they are new to you. After that you lose interest in them and you hope to feel no more of them. You feel a sinking in the pit of your stomach, your legs get wobbly and you have a decided opinion right away that you will never get to like earthquakes. Each one is different and the worst of it is you never know or can't guess what is to happen. If you are out in the open air you don't know whether the building is going to fall on you and when you are inside you don't know if you will get out. When the quake comes new records in speed are made. During the heavy quakes in June last the stores lost their customers and clerks at the same time. There is a mad rush for the open.

You never get an article in a store in Los Angeles without paying in advance. Merchants have learned that customers have a habit of making a quick exit and they are too frightened to go back. The only deaths occurred during the past year were those people with weak hearts. If you have heart disease earthquakes are fatal to you.

Is This the Season?

Different reasons are given for these earth movements. Some believe that the vast amount of oil taken from the earth causes a settling. Yet there are quakes in regions where there are no oil wells. One of the Californian fishermen of the Jimmy Thompson class said the quakes were caused by the tides water rising great caverns under the shore line. The whales, which are thick off the coast here in the summer, so in there to sleep and the sharks follow them in, bite them on the tail, causing the big fish to bump themselves and shake the earth. That is to be believed the same as some fish stories that Phil Harrison used to grind out.

They Just Left.

It is believed that if it were not for the quakes Southern California would have a far larger population. During the week following the June quakes all outbound trains were loaded to capacity and one day the ticket offices closed their doors having been completely sold out of tickets. It is doubtful if those same people could ever be induced to return to California again. There is no doubt about it, so you see your readers can talk about quakes for they hope to see Los Angeles the New York of the Pacific. Yesterday we had a shower or like a summer rain at home. Today the sun is shining out of a cloudless sky, the foothills are a bright green. Sixty miles away you can see Mt. Baldy, its old hoary head white with snow. Here the roses are blooming and Santa Claus has to use an aliph for his sleigh and reindeer would be out of place in the sunny southland. I hope that you have sleighing for Christmas. Mr. Editor, for my old boss used to say the farmers seemed to like to drive in and pay for the Chronicle and he liked to see them come in. I suppose you are the same.

There are between 100 and 125 boys and girls in Sudbury who will be compelled to return to school, owing to the Adolescent Act, extending the school age from 14 to 16 years.

Present indications point to the Blenheim Town Council, both being elected by acclamation.

The Immigration Department will make no exceptions in receiving immigrants into Canada.

THE MARKETS

TORONTO, Dec. 21.—Quotations on the Board of Trade yesterday were as follows:

Wheat (in store, Ft. William) No. 1 northern, \$1.23 1/2. No. 2 northern, \$1.21 1/2. No. 3 northern, \$1.21 1/2. No. 4 wheat, \$1.21 1/2.

Manitoba (in store, Ft. William) No. 3 C.W., \$1.23 1/2. No. 3 C.W., \$1.23 1/2. Extra No. 1 feed, \$1.23 1/2. No. 2 feed, \$1.23 1/2.

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