

Country Talk.

Morris.

PASSED AWAY.—At the residence of Henry Richmond, early Sunday morning, Janet Richmond departed this life, at the age of 72 years. She had been unwell for some time, but dropsy was her final ailment, and very singularly on the following Monday evening her sister, Mary Richmond, aged 71 years, calmly passed away, after a lingering illness of some years. They were sisters of the Richmond brothers near Blyth, and came to reside with them about twelve years ago, from Mont-gravewood, Ayrshire, Scotland. All who knew them could see their perfect reliance upon a risen Savior, and could say that "for them to die is gain."

Listowel.

The Grand Central changed hands on Wednesday of last week, Mr. McIntosh retiring and T. H. Rolls, the owner of the building taking control again. Since coming to Listowel Mr. McIntosh has shown himself to be a popular and obliging landlord, a favorite with travelers and gents generally. He has kept a good house and won a large patronage. Mr. Rolls is so well known to the travelling public that there is no danger of a decrease in patronage.

The sale by auction of the Hess property, under the O'Reilly mortgage, took place on Wednesday afternoon of last week, at the Grand Central, conducted by Thos. E. Hay. The highest bid was made by Geo. Rosebach, of Toronto, who secured all the parcels as follows: For the Elma street warehouse \$900, for the Wm. Hess residence \$1,100, for the Adam Hess residence \$2,700, in all \$4,700. The amount of the mortgage with accrued interest exceeded \$5,000. A number of citizens bid on the property, which started at low figures, but the bidding never became very active.

The Royal Templars held a very successful parlor social on Monday evening of last week in the I. O. O. F. Hall. The leading feature of the evening was a bean bag tournament. Miss Bush and Mr. Grant Anderson were chosen captains, when they in turn chose from the the Templars and their friends present to about 40 on each side. The game was closely contested all through, resulting in a victory for Mr. Anderson by about 30 marks. This was followed by coffee, cake and sandwiches, which is always an important part in a social. After a short musical program had been rendered, a most enjoyable evening's entertainment was brought to a close.

Mornington.

Miss Maud Hawkshaw, of Atwood, is the guest of the Misses McCloy this week.

David Torrance paid a short visit to Atwood last week on his way to the Conservative Convention in Listowel. David is an old time Tory, and thinks no effort too great if it helps on the good cause.

Another of our respected citizens is about to leave us in the person of Thos. McCloy, who intends departing for the prairie province about the middle of June. Tom has always been a great favorite around Milvefton, especially among the fair ones. He will get along very well in Manitoba as every one knows he is good at climbing wire fences and not at all afraid of ghosts.

The people of S. S. No. 12 are very sorry to hear that their teacher, Lewis Zeran has resigned with the intention of going west. Since New Year's Mr. Zeran has made many friends in this section and they all unite in wishing that he may always have the success that has been so marked in his work here. The trustees have engaged D. G. McNeill to teach the remaining month before midsummer holidays, who will no doubt keep the school to its present high standing.

On the evening of Monday, 12th inst., a splendid concert was held in Haesephflug's hall on behalf of the Milvefton B. B. C. An exceedingly entertaining program was given, of which the principal numbers were: Instrumental music by the trio, Messrs. Gunther and Schaefer, and Haesephflug. A dialogue, entitled "Awful Boots," by Miss Curtis and Messrs. McCloy, Wilson and Zeran, was received with well deserved applause. The audience grew rapturous over a duet by Miss A. Kertcher and J. L. Wilson, who, by constant practice for about two weeks, have got their voices to blend together splendidly.

Elma.

The item referring to the Elma Cheese Co. last week should have read: "22 cheese" instead of "22 lbs. of cheese." It was a typographical error.

The trustees of S. S. No. 7, did a wise act in building a wood shed. The next move should be to put a fence along the front of the yard, as it is greatly needed.

John Love, of the 10th con., is having erected on his property a barn 64x48 feet with stone stabling underneath. Thos. Carter has the stonework almost completed, and Alex. Hird has the contract for the frame work.

Young Coulter, of Newry, has greatly improved the appearance of his place by erecting a large windmill. This is what every farmer in the township needs who has water to pump for his stock, as it saves a great amount of labor.

Robert Forbes, of Elma, has a six-year-old cow which gave birth to three calves, each being well formed and of medium size. Last year and this year before the cow gave birth to two calves making 7 calves in three years, none of which died.

The Gortie correspondent of the Huron Expositor says:—James D. Edgar, son of James Edgar, of Howick, and a student of Knox College, Toronto, is stationed for the summer six months at New Dundee, in charge of the Presbyterian congregation there. Mr. Edgar is an earnest and promising young man, and is fast winning his way to the esteem and affection of the people of New Dundee." Mr. Edgar is a relative of Robert Forrest, of Elma township.

Lewis Duncan, son of Jas. Duncan, of Greenbank Farm, left on Thursday of last week for Camlachie, Lambton Co., to take charge of a cheese factory this season. As this is Mr. Duncan's first factory, and he being a young man of ability, we wish him every success.

The following are the names of the pupils in S. S. No. 8 who were successful at the promotion examination:—Senior Fourth—Melissa Porterfield, J. A. McKenzie. Junior Fourth—Amos Porterfield, Lena Crooks, Chas. McKenzie, Geo. Struthers, John L. Struthers, Clara Hiles, Jas. McDonald. Senior Third—Aggie Struthers, Clara Hiles. M. HEBURN, Teacher.

[Credit is due the teacher and pupils of No. 8 for the successful manner in which the latter acquitted themselves at this examination, there being only two failures. The list for this school would have been materially larger had many of the best pupils (whose names were sent) been able to write on that day but were detained in consequence of the measles, which had spread largely throughout the pupils of the section. Even of those who wrote some had just recovered from sickness.—ED. BEZ.

Ethel.

A few flakes of snow falling on Tuesday evening of last week surprised the people of this vicinity.

S. Nichol has secured the services of another blacksmith in the person of J. Young, of Wingham.

The Burton hotel is assuming shape these days. The brick work is up to the second storey. It will be an neat structure when completed.

It is stated that Thomas Taylor, an old resident of this section, is having some trouble over notes in connection with a lightning rod deal. Further particulars later, perhaps.

The Tindal property was offered for sale on the first of the month. The homestead was sold, but the other was withdrawn. It only brought \$4,900. Last February it could have been sold for \$5,200. James Lindsay was the purchaser.

One day last week J. Menzies was engaged in driving the horse power at W. Elliot's his foot was caught in the gearing. It was terribly lacerated, owing to the effects of the gearing and his attempts to extricate it. He is progressing rapidly.

VETERINARY.—We are pleased to state that Messrs Warwick & Golley, Veterinary surgeons, of Brussels, have decided to visit Ethel on Thursday afternoon of each week. They will make their headquarters at Burton's hotel and are prepared to treat all diseases of domesticated animals on the most approved scientific principles. A specialty made of Veterinary Dentistry. The public will find these gentlemen well qualified to attend to all cases entrusted to them.

The trouble some of the Morris boys go to for a little fun is shown by the following:—Some time ago some dozen youths visited a farmer's barn-yard, at night, where they found a lumber wagon which they put on top of the barn roof after a lot of hard work. Sheaves of grain were then carried and a load built upon the wagon. There was some talk of law at the time but no person was badly hurt. This is carrying a joke too far, however, and the "boys" won't likely try it again.

Grey.

Jas. Brown has leased, for a term of years, the farm recently owned by V. Slemmon.

The union Sabbath school at Smith's school house re-opens for the season next Sabbath.

Robt. Pyne is here on a visit. He has been in the Parry Sound district for over three years.

S. Kreeler, mason, has gone to the "soo," where he will work at his trade all summer.

Albert Locking has taken a situation on the Grand Trunk railway near Guelph. His brother Robert is working in the vicinity of Molesworth.

Last Monday the Morris and Grey cheese factory commenced operations for the season of 1890. The prospects are pronounced of a very hopeful character.

How are you going to spend the 24th is now the talk of a great many? Some have already decided, while others are still on the look out for the best program.

Albert Schaefer has leased the 50 acre lot belonging to Miss Roxey Evans, 12th con., for two years. It is said he will build a dwelling on the property and then having arranged the cage will take home the bird. He won't have far to go for her.

Some internal improvements are very badly needed in connection with the Whitfield church. A coat of paint and some new shingles would help the outside. As it is the place is not very inviting or pleasant looking to the worshippers.

Seeding is nearly finished. The land was in good condition for working and the weather fine and cool, the rain showers of the past week have made vegetation look fresh, and has helped fall wheat and grass which at the present time promises to be a good crop.

On Tuesday of last week a thorough bred cow, the property of Peter Robertson, 9th con., had to be killed on account of having tuberculosis. A post mortem was held by Veterinaries Warwick & Golley, of Brussels. This disease has given considerable trouble to cattle men in some localities as it is said to be both infectious and incurable.

Provincial politics are beginning to stir up a little now that there is likely to be a contest in this riding. The big politicians will soon be out on the stump and the little politicians will soon be bustling through the polling divisions, holding converse in corners and summoning the array so that he who runneth may read that a big political contest is in progress.

Monkton.

House cleaning is the order of the day now.

Mrs. A. Tindal is on the sick list this week.

The cheese factory started operations last week.

Fred Hord, of Mitchell, spent a few days in the village last week.

James Gill has moved to the village. Don't live alone Jimmy there are plenty of girls here.

Joe McPherson returned to the village last week to resume his work at cheesemaking.

A little stranger appeared at the parsonage one day last week and he apparently intends to stay.

Miss Susan Featherstone is in Toronto consulting a doctor. We hope she may return fully restored to health.

Friday last, being arbor day here, was spent in planting trees which will greatly improve the appearance of the school.

Stratford.

J. Trenaman, recently of Stratford, has been appointed a district superintendent of the main line of the G. T. R. from St. Lambert to Portland, and also the Richmond, Point Levi and Champlain and Valleyfield lines. His headquarters will be at Richmond, and he assumes his new duties at once.

In connection with the interview regarding the band a few figures may not be out of place. It costs \$65 a month to run the band. That is to pay the leaders salary, rent, etc. This has to be paid somehow. In addition to these running expenses there is a debt of \$225 to be attended to. It is quite evident therefore that if the committee is to keep up the band they must have the cordial support of the citizens. It is to be hoped that the committee's future efforts to raise money, will be handsomely rewarded.

Our Stratford boy, Walter Buckingham, Toronto University, has distinguished himself among the athletes of the Queen City since entering upon his studies there. The Toronto papers make frequent eulogistic references to him. He belongs to the Marlboro' football players, and is always to the front. There was a closely contested game with the Torontos on the cricket grounds, Toronto, on Saturday. The Torontos scored through H. Weldrum and J. Weldrum two goals in the first half to a blank for the Marlboros. Buckingham then redeemed for his side the fortunes of the day, by scoring twice in succession making the game a draw. It was then dark and too late to continue the contest, which will have to be fought out another time.

Brussels.

Miss Edith Hill is visiting in Wingham.

C. R. Vanstone, of Southampton, Sundayed in town.

Miss J. Cross is visiting her sister, Mrs. Alex. Bruce.

John Pelton, of Atwood, visited our city Saturday.

Mr. Mitchell, of London, spent Sunday at Mrs. Jos. Walker's.

Miss Johnston, of London, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Joseph Walker.

Mrs. Cornish, of Ripley, was the guest of Mrs. Wm. Vanstone last week.

J. H. Sparling left last Monday for Neustadt, where he is engaged as butter-maker.

W. B. Dickson has purchased the residence of E. E. Wade, William street. It will make a very comfortable home.

The communion service will be held in Knox church on the 18th inst. Rev. A. R. Luiton, B. D., is expected to officiate.

It is expected that W. Meredith, leader of the Opposition, or Dalton McCarthy will address a public meeting in Brussels in the near future.

Last Saturday Alex. Hood had the misfortune to cut his hand quite severely while working in Smith & Malcolm's furniture factory. Nothing serious is anticipated, only he will have to take a rest for a while.

UPSET.—On Tuesday evening of last week Wm. Roddick and Jno. Hewitt hitched up their bronchos to a buggy and started for Ethel. When near their destination the bolt fastening one side of the pole to the rig came out and the result was a shy off into the ditch and an upset. Mr. Roddick was thrown against a wire fence which cut his head. Mr. Hewitt was more fortunate and was not much the worse for alighting so unceremoniously. The ponies did not get away. They make a dandy little team and are good roadsters.

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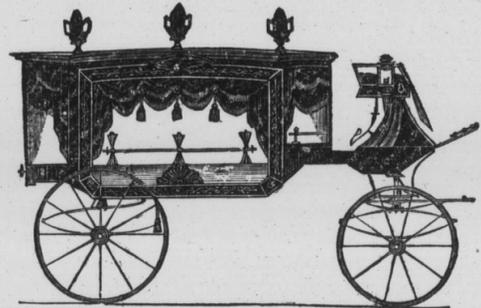
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