

Country Talk.

Turnberry.

Rev. Mr. Hartley preached an eloquent and instructive sermon Sunday last.

Several of our farmers have finished their seeding in April. This is something new as during the past few years the general end of seeding was about the middle of May.

Communion services are to be held in Bluevale Presbyterian church on Sunday, 11th inst. The Rev. Mr. Henderson, of Hensall, will aid the pastor in these services.

Rev. Mr. Totten, who has occupied the pulpit of the Congregational church, Salem, has intimated to the congregation that he will resign his position as pastor at the close of the year.

Jas. Lillico, who removed to Manitoba a few months ago, has died since reaching the western province. Deceased was for many years a respected citizen of Turnberry and a brother to P. Lillico, banker, Listowel.

Britton.

The following is the standing of the pupils of No. 3, Britton, at the late county promotion examination. The number of marks required to pass into the Fifth class, 250; Senior Fourth, 230; Junior Fourth, 220; Senior Third, 172; Fifth Class—Maggie Teasdale, 418; Laura Rothwell, 402; John Maybury, 438; Robert Alexander, 382; John Lang, 299; Senior Fourth—Annie Johnston, 344; Annie Alexander, 415; Maggie Newcombe, 408; Maggie Forman, 332; Maggie Home, 332; Thos. Alexander, 343; John Forman, 261; William Corry, 410; George Clementshaw, 386; Junior Fourth—Katy Rothwell, 376; Pearl J. Sproule, 337; Senior Third—Lillie Alexander, 310; Mina Alexander, 287; Geo. Danbrook, 262; Rebecca Crawford, 223; Josephine Teasdale, 214; Jessie Burnett, 225; Albert Hammond, 210; John Freeman, 251; Jabez Chapman, 194; David Alexander, 184; Isabella Forman, 224; Adeline Stevenson, 193.

Grey.

The Sabbath School in S. S. No. 8 reopened Sunday, May 4th.

Mr. Klump, butcher, of Atwood has started on his rounds again.

Mrs. Peter Sinclair, jr., is recovering from an attack of acute biliousness.

Robert Pyne has returned from his travels abroad, looking hale and hearty as of yore.

Mrs. Kelly, of the 16th con., is seriously ill, and, sad to say, there are no hopes of her recovery.

John Harris, of the 16th con., made over 40 gallons of molasses during the season just ended.

James Sinclair, who about the first of April received an injury in the leg caused by a plow falling on it, is able to be around again. It is said one of the bones of his leg was broken.

Tramps are once more on their peregrinations in the country, and they are a regular nuisance. If they all could be conveniently shipped to Goderich jail the people would not grieve very much at their departure.

The framework of Peter McIntosh's new barn is up, and as the work of enclosing it is being pushed rapidly forward, it is expected to reach completion in about a week. The old fashioned plan of raising buildings by asking about a hundred hands and choosing sides is relegated to the past and gone practices of "ye olden time." The work in this case was done by the framers themselves with the aid of horses and pulleys. Thos. Newsome has the contract and as he is a skilful and experienced hand he will make a good job of it.

STATISTICS.—For the following interesting statement concerning Grey township we are indebted to Assessor Raymond:—Value of Real property, \$1,711,229; value of personal property, \$5,200,000; income, \$400; total value real, personal and income, \$1,716,829; No. of acres in township, 64,933; No. of acres cleared, 37,655; No. of children between 5 and 16 years of age, 1,010; No. between 7 and 13 years of age, 600; No. of children between 16 and 21 years of age, 327; No. of male persons between 21 and 60 years of age, 775; total number of persons, 3,755; No. of dogs, 372; No. of bitches, 11; No. of cattle, 6,138; No. of sheep, 2,629; No. of hogs, 1,429; No. of horses, 1,956; No. of acres of wood land, 7,144; No. of acres of swamp, 20,134; No. of acres of orchard, 442½; No. of acres of fall wheat sown, 3,388; No. of births, 69; No. of deaths, 27.

Stratford.

The Stratford Foot Ball Club has been reorganized.

The Guelph conference of the Methodist church is called to meet in this city June 5th.

Over \$200 was raised among the hotelmen and confectioners to bring the Queen's Own here on the 24th.

The receipts of the Grand Trunk the past year were nearly \$100,000 in excess of those of the Canadian Pacific.

R. Cleland, the Reform candidate for the local in the North Riding, was in the city feeling the pulse of the electorate.

W. G. McQuarry, assistant secretary of the Hamilton Y. M. C. A., has accepted the general secretaryship of the Stratford association.

Flags floated on the post office building, the Foresters hall, Cheapside and the Albion, Wednesday, of last week in honor of England's patron saint.

It is rumored that a private citizen of this place, has been served with a notice threatening him with a libel, over a letter published in a paper in this city.

Large quantities of live stock are again on the move from here, such as pigs, cattle, sheep and horses. Thousands of dollars are paid out weekly by the buyers.

The Water Supply Company pumped 14,826,200 gallons of water during the last month.

There were 20 births, six marriages and five deaths registered with the city clerk for the last month.

The syndicate desired the council to exempt their property from taxation for a number of years, but the assembled wisdom did not desire the property on any such conditions.

The annual meeting of the Liberal Conservative Association of Stratford, convened at Commercial hotel Thursday evening to elect officers for the year:—President, D. Scrimgeour; Vice-president, Joseph Dunsmore; Sec-treas., W. Lawrence.

There was a meeting of the band committee Friday evening of last week to consider matters affecting the interests of the band and to talk over the prospects of having a celebration here on the 24th of May. The band are behind \$200. The citizens should come to the assistance of the energetic committee, so that they will not be at any loss. They certainly deserve great credit for keeping the band alive, which cannot be done without funds. We hope to see the committee recouped for this outlay.

Brussels.

J. Reid, of Seaforth, was in town Sunday.

B. Gerry Sunnayed in the Queen City this week.

Tuesday, 6th inst., we had quite a snow storm.

Rev. D. Perrie, of Thorndale, was in town last week.

Ross McGur spent several days in Seaforth this week.

Miss Nessie Kay is rustivating in Seaforth this week.

Mr. Tompkins, of Bay City, Mich., is visiting relatives in town.

Percy Jackson and his sister Lizzie are home on a visit from Toronto.

Miss Cunningham, of Toronto, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. Nightingale.

Miss Blakeman returned home last week after a visit at Drayton and Listowel.

Mrs. Gilpin and her son George, of Gorrie, were the guests of Mrs. J. J. Gilpin last week.

Mrs. Campbell, (nee Miss Della Bawtinheimer) of Saginaw, Mich., is here visiting her father.

Mrs. Arthur Veal and family left here last Tuesday for Fenton, Mich., where they intend making their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Vanstone, of Southampton, were here attending the funeral of his father, the late Wm. Vanstone.

Last Sabbath evening Rev. Jno. Ross, B. A., of Melville church, and Rev. S. Sellery, B. A., of the Methodist church, exchanged pulpits.

The Melville church W. F. M. S. held its sixth anniversary on Tuesday evening, May 6th. The services were of an appropriate and interesting character.

Rev. A. McKay, of Lucknow, gave an address.

Fourth Division Court was held on Thursday of last week, Judge Doyle presiding. There was a large attendance, special interest being centred in the case of Miss Montgomery vs. creditors of the Veal estate. The report will be given next week.

We are pleased to notice in last week's BEE that Geo. Currie is no longer alone. I suppose now he will sing: "This is the way I long have sought and mourned because I found it not." We wish them both success in their new life and hope they will pull evenly in double harness.

A splendid oil portrait of Rev. John Ross, B. A., was on exhibition in the window of T. Fletcher's store. It is the handiwork of Mrs. (Dr.) Graham, of this town, and is a most substantial proof of her ability and taste as an artist. We understand it was a gift to the reverend gentleman. It will, no doubt, be very highly prized by the recipient.

On Monday of last week a couple of young ladies belonging to Brussels went off on a visiting expedition to friends in Morris township. In their rambles they got to the banks of the quiet flowing Maitland and one of the party being of a nautical turn of mind, manned a raft and went for a voyage. "All went merry as a marriage bell" until the rapids were reached where the stately ship grounded and the fair sailor who had been warbling "A life on the ocean wave" changed her tune to "Rescue the perishing." A noble hearted youth secured another raft and gallantly went to the rescue, and to the music of "Pull for the shore," with the rippling waters for an accompaniment, the storm tossed voyagers soon reached the harbor and received the congratulations of their friends over their narrow escape.

Mother! May I go out to boat?
Oh! yes! my dearest daughter,
But take a raft that is sure to float
And keep your "tootsie-tootsies" out of water.

OBIT.—On Friday last one of our oldest inhabitants passed to his final reward in the person of Wm. Vanstone. Mr. Vanstone had been ailing for some years with a disease known as consumption of the nerves, which in later years had the effect of weakening his mental powers. He built the first saw and grist mills in Brussels and was for many years one of leading spirits in every enterprise and his money and efforts were never stinted in promoting the best interests of the town in which he has been a resident for 30 years. Deceased was a staunch Conservative in politics. He was buried with Masonic honors. Rev. Mr. Sellery, B. A., B. D., conducted the service. The following relatives and friends attended the funeral:—Mrs. T. Johns, of Clinton; Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert, of Southampton; the Misses Johns and brother, of Wingham; Mr. Richards and Mrs. Vanstone, of Carlow; Mrs. R. Vanstone and daughter from Goderich; and Miss T. Vanstone, of Colborne.

Bornholm.

Miss Gertie Hord, of Mitchell, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Woolcott.

Much credit is due Mr. Stuart, teacher at Brodhagen, for the creditable way in which his pupils acquitted themselves at the recent promotion examination, there being only two failures out of the sixteen candidates.

Quarterly meeting was held in Bethesda church last Sunday. Quite a number of members from the other appointments were present at the communion. Rev. Mr. Swann preached an appropriate sermon for the occasion.

A. Jarmuth, of California, returned home on Thursday, after an absence of twelve years. He is delighted at seeing such a great change in this township, yet could not be induced to remain here. When he left that state a week ago there was beautiful weather, he brought with him some splendid specimens of oranges which ripened in January.

Donegal.

Charles Mason has lately added a new mower and horse rake to his previous extensive stock of farm implements. They were purchased of J. T. Peebles, of Listowel.

William Vipond received a severe kick from a horse he was driving last week, but we are glad to state that he is able to get around once more.

Jas. Dickson, jr., took advantage of arbor day to plant a large number of fine looking maples along the front of his farm. We feel sure that in a few years they will amply repay the trouble and expense of their planting and others, of our residents, may be induced to go and do likewise.

While returning from Listowel on Thursday night of last week a team of colts, belonging to Thos. McFarlane, broke loose from their driver, pitching him out on the side of the road and taking a jaunt on their own account. They kept the gravel road to Monkton and then turned west proceeding along the boundary between Grey and McKillop until compelled to call a halt by the cessation of the road. They were easily tracked on Friday by an occasional blanket, pieces of the box, etc., showing that they had made a desperate run of it. Strange to say the horses were comparatively uninjured when captured.

Trowbridge.

The merchants have raised eggs to 9 cents.

Richard Sutton, who has been away to St. George for some time, returned home on Saturday.

On Tuesday of last week John Mann left Listowel in company with his brother W. F. Mann, with a car load of fine horses for Minnedosa, Manitoba.

T. Later is selling a number of wagons and buggies. Some have gone to Manitoba, also to Blytheville, Essex Co. One very fine buggy went to Atwood.

We understand that the Methodists here have changed their hours for service for the Sabbaths during the summer months to 10 o'clock in the morning and 7 o'clock in the evening.

Rev. Henry Berry, of Mildmay, a former pastor of the Methodist church in this place, preached a very interesting and instructive sermon to an attentive audience last Sabbath evening. Mr. Berry has a great many friends here, especially among the young people, who are always delighted to see him.

The remains of the late Wm. Code were followed on Tuesday of last week from the old homestead to the Elma Centre cemetery by a large crowd of people. Poor Willie, though a great sufferer both in mind and body, bore his afflictions patiently and gave clear and strong evidence that for him to die would be his eternal gain.

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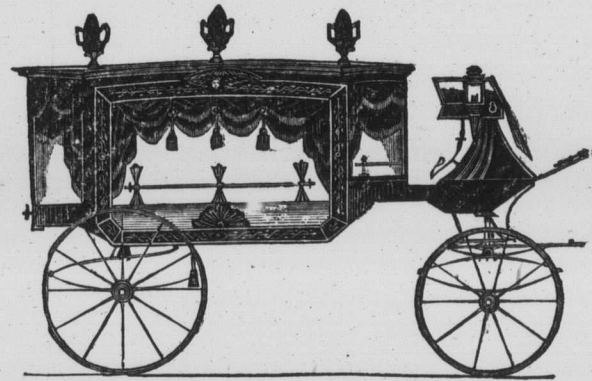
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