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THE GOSSIP OF A WEEK.

AN INTERESTING AND CHATTY LETTER ON CURRENT TOPICS.

The Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M. meet in Kingston—A Sad Double Drowning—An Awful Fire in Quebec—Dukes Buying Canadian Land—Divorce and Bigamy.

TORONTO, July 21.—The Grand Lodge of the Masonic order have been in session last week at the Limestone City—Kingston. They have had a truly grand meeting and during the session the grand master laid the cornerstone of the new wing of the Hospital.

Deputy Grand Master, Hon. J. M. Gibson, Hamilton. District Deputy Grand Masters given in order of their districts:

No. 1 District—James Birch, Chatham. No. 2 District—J. P. Whitehead, Stratford. No. 3 District—A. B. Menon, London. No. 4 District—William White, Mitchell. No. 5 District—William Telfer, Walkerton. No. 6 District—D. H. Hunter, Woodstock. No. 7 District—John Fox, Orangeville. No. 8 District—Hamilton—C. W. Mulligan, Hamilton. No. 9 District—D. F. McWatt, Barrie. No. 10 District—A. B. Hurrell, No. 11 District—G. J. Bennett, Toronto. No. 12 District—W. Miller, Oranmore. No. 13 District—T. J. Lightburn, Cobourg. No. 14 District—A. R. Dargaville, No. 15 District—Colonel—Colonel W. H. Jackson, Brockville. No. 16 District—John Hurst, Bothwell. No. 17 District—J. A. Fraser, Fort Arthur. John Kinghorn, Kingston, Grand Senior Warden; George C. Davis, London, Grand Junior Warden; J. J. Mason, Hamilton, Grand Secretary; Edward Mitchell, Hamilton, Grand Treasurer; Rev. R. J. Craig Desrosiers, Grand Chaplain; J. C. Boyd, Simcoe Grand Registrar.

Toronto was selected after a spirited contest for the next meeting place of Grand Lodge. A very sad double drowning accident occurred the other day at Bolton. A 9-year-old Toronto lad named Willie Griffin and his 80-year-old grandfather bearing the same name, were the victims. The boy was spending his holidays in the country home of the old man. He happened to fall into a small river a few feet away from where his grandfather was sitting. Unable to swim the boy was rapidly sinking. Unable, with a courage worthy of a great hero, the feeble old man, despite his age, jumped in and tried to save his little grandson. But age will tell and 80 years are many. His efforts were feeble and soon weakened into nothing. There was no help at hand and the old man and little boy sank down into a watery grave clasped in each others arms.

It is believed that the fire was the work of an incendiary. An inquest was held. A peculiar case has just come to light in Halifax. Some years ago George Dixon, a resident of the city married a widow, named Mrs. Mason. They lived together several years, when Dixon, thinking to better his position, removed to Winnipeg, leaving his wife behind until he could secure work and establish a home. Mrs. Dixon, in her husband's absence, fell in love, with a young man named Timothy Doyle, just half her age. Dixon, on learning of the matter, determined to secure a divorce. A few days ago a divorce paper was served on Mrs. Dixon. As soon as she received it she fled from the city and is now in Boston. The cause of her flight is apparent, when it became known that she was married to young Doyle on December 13, 1887, and the pair have lived together ever since. Proceedings for bigamy will be instituted. Doubtless Mr. Dixon will have no trouble about his divorce, and that without submitting to the Senate, as the Nova Scotia laws of the period previous to Confederation cover such cases.

The population of the Dominion, as ascertained by the census of 1881, was 4,325,900 the estimate for 1891, calculated by the logarithmic process is 5,270,377. The decennial census of the Dominion, as already announced, will be taken on the first Monday in April, 1891, that date being selected to make it uniform with the census of the United Kingdom and the colonies of the Empire generally. The system on which the enumeration of the Canadian population will be made will be that known as the de jure, the de facto system as adopted in England not being suitable to the circumstances of a sparse population settled over a widely extended territory such as Canada's. The enumerator will be instructed not to take the names of those who have been absent from Canada more than a year.

The Benwell murder, that weird and truly artistic which excited attention as exciting, met both in America and England, a few months ago, is shortly to be revived. The authorities are working on it and this fall the whole affair will be settled. The crown has retained Mr. B. B. Oser, Q. C. with the County Attorney Ball for the prosecution of Burchell. Mr. Oser in company with Mr. Ball, Detective Murray, and Mr. Wm. Davis, C. E., paid a visit to the scene of the tragedy a few days ago and interviewed some of the leading witnesses in that vicinity. It will be remembered that old man Rabb testified at the inquest that he heard two shots fired in the swamp the evening of the day the murder was committed. Who fired these shots remained a mystery until Saturday last, when Mr. Rabb came to Woodstock and gave the names of two young men who were shooting in the swamp at that time. One of these is now in the States, but the other is still here and will be called as a witness. This is another link in the accused Burchell's favor.

English noblemen and capitalists are buying Canadian lands in great quantities. Some of the best phosphate lands in the country are owned by Englishmen. There is, however, plenty of first-class mining land to develop and for this purpose a strong company with \$5,000,000 capital has been formed in London, Eng. The list of founders is remarkable one. It is headed by the Duke of Westminster, whose name is followed by the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, the Duke of Portland, the Duke of Abercorn, the Duke of Sutherland, and the Duke of Fife. These names are succeeded by a Marquis, two Earls, six Barons, and the Prince Camilla de Polignac. Then come a number of other well-known names, such as those of Sir James Whitehead, Mr. Mandella, M.P., Mr. Sampson Lloyd of Lloyd Bank. Mr. Whitmore, M.P., etc.

THE DOMINION IN BRIEF.

Victor Julian, a lad, was drowned at Kingston. Fort Hope is going to bonus a cigar factory. Immense areas of sheds were burnt at Riviere du Loup. Gen. Middleton is to be sued by Bremner for the fur money. Hon. Robertson is spending his holidays at Port Stanley. Someone remitted 75c as conscience money to the customs minister. The C. P. R. earnings were \$30,000 better last week than last year. Hon. Robertson is extensively reported from the Niagara district. Sixteen cases are down for trial by Justice Street, at Fort Arthur Assizes.

A Brantford man is under arrest for criminally assaulting his niece. West around St. Thomas will average about thirty-five bushels an acre. Judge Loranger will probably accept the Conservative leadership in Quebec. The best harvest in eight years is promised around Port Elgin and County Bruce. The biggest vault in Canada is being put into the Finance Department at Ottawa. There are 11,000,000 gallons of spirits now undergoing the two years' bond in Canada. Fishing is delayed and the fur trade is smaller in Hudson's Bay through the severe winter.

Mr. Moore, a Methodist preacher in St. John's, B. I., has left for Singapore to take up teaching. The murderer of the aged farmer Robinson in Morristown township has been found to be insane. The B. M. E. conference at St. Catharines closed on Friday. It will meet in Chatham next year.

The absconding merchant from Montreal, with liabilities of \$100,000, has been located in Jersey City.

Dolly Beesley, the confidence woman of Hamilton, has been sentenced to a year's imprisonment. Mrs. Thomas Hogan, of Hungerford, poisoned herself with Paris green. She was partially deranged.

Robert Pratt was killed, while falling timber the misener farm, between Weland and Port Robinson. Johnnie Schneider, aged 4, son of Mr. Conrad Schneider, was drowned from a skiff at New Hamburg, Ont.

About fifty Manitoba and North-west farmers are to be sent to Europe in the winter to beat up the emigrants.

The chair of physics in Mount Allison College Sackville, N. B., has been offered the Rev. W. W. Andrews, of Toronto. Eighty acres north of the C. P. R. track are to be sold to the Winnipeg Exhibition Committee for \$30 an acre.

The steamship Saguin was successfully launched at the shipyard of the Polson Iron Company at Owen Sound. A father, mother and five children have been burned to death in their beds in Quebec, three arrests have been made.

Mr. Adam Brown, M. P. for Hamilton, has been appointed honorary commissioner to represent Canada at the Jamaica Exhibition. Mr. D. R. Leavens has issued a writ against the Belleville Intelligencer Printing and Publishing Company, claiming \$10,000 damages for alleged libel.

Two Ottawa men are now under arrest with indecently assaulting children. The police are looking for the police to clear the city of these villains.

A 7-year-old boy named Severin was sent for a pail of water and is supposed to have fallen in and been swept over the Big Kettle of the Chaudiere Richardson, who was prominently connected with the Guilford case and the arrests in connection with the shooting of Hackett, is dead.

Premier Mercier, claims a clear majority of thirty, and says he will carry out the political programme outlined in his speech before the Club National.

The steamship Thornholm, from Pictou to Montreal, is reported ashore on Barretts ledge rock on the St. Lawrence. Her lower compartments are full of water.

Donald Smith, of Brucefield, nephew of Mr. Alex. McGill, of St. Thomas, while unloading a team, was kicked on the forehead. He never regained consciousness and is dead.

The schooner Mary, from Fortuna Bay, sailed on Monday, carrying 1000 quarts of cod, has been seized at St. Pierre for selling cod roes. The value of the vessel and cargo is \$5,000.

A man named John Brochu, formerly a member of B battery, Quebec, who deserted a year ago, has given himself up, stating that the constant fear of arrest made his life unbearable.

"Going to hell" was the final remark of an unknown man to the bystanders, as he leaped into the river at Montreal and committed suicide by drowning. His body has not yet been recovered.

The Watrous Engine Works Company, of Brantford, have received the gold medal and two certificates of merit from the Melbourne Exhibition held last year for their sawmill exhibition there.

The Canadian Militia Gazette opposes the idea of appointing a Canadian militia officer as head of the Dominion forces, but would approve of the appointment of a Canadian selected from the imperial army.

A Knight of Labor Assembly in Toronto has decided to instruct its delegates to the Dominion Trade Congress to agitate for a Dominion Act fixing the maximum of labor for women and children at nine hours per day.

The number of deaths from contagious diseases in Montreal for the past six months of the present year is 428, compared with 1047 in 1889. There was a marked decrease in mortality from measles, the death rate having fallen from 444 to 20.

A despatch has been received in New York stating that a French vessel found violating the Newfoundland Bait Act has been fired upon by an island cruiser, and that, fearing the trouble, the British flagship, the Bellerophon and two other men-of-war, have hurriedly left Halifax.

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DI NANNON From our own correspondents. Tenders for the erection of Agricultural Buildings will be opened on Saturday the 26th inst. Nettie, daughter of Mr. A. Soboy, of Seaford, is the guest of Mr. W. Lane, township clerk of Asfield. It is pleasing to note that Mr. Novins of this village, who has been very ill is becoming convalescent.

In consequence of Mr. Begley leaving, there will be a good opening for a first class cordwainer. No other need apply.

Mr. W. Wilson, painter and clothier in this village, arrived home from Mexico, State of New York, whither he had been for his family, on Tuesday the 22nd.

A great many farmers have commenced cutting fall wheat, and for purposes it to be an excellent crop. Samples plump, and head well filled in all its parts.

Mr. Wm. Begley, cordwainer, in this village, having secured a good position in Blyth, intends to remove there shortly. We wish him success in his new position.

Mr. John Nevins, having secured a position in Mr. Walter Stewart's planing factory, Lucknow, removed with his family on Monday, the 21st. The best of success to you, John, is our sincere wish.

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De McFaul and sister are the guests of Mr. Thomas Anderson, a field. They are son and daughter of Mr. Leonard McFaul, who a number of years ago taught school in this section of country, and as we are informed is at present principal in the public school at Seaford.

Another fair maiden has arrived in our village and in all probability will remain with us for some time. Mr. T. E. Durin is the happy father. Mother and daughter are doing well. We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Durin on the happy event. Mr. Durin fully believes in the injunction to increase and multiply.

The want of rain is beginning to be very much felt, as the root crops are apparently suffering; however, it is raining and we hope the greater part of the crop being secured in good condition. There is so much stock of it, and so well secured, the crop in general will have a good time during winter.

As politics, railway and other kindred subjects are in the meantime in abeyance, berry picking is with those of our citizens who are not occupied in farming, the principal topic, and in which clergies and laity, including school teachers, ex-teachers, artisans and not a few of the fair sex, as also retired farmers are engaged, all of whom seem to vie with each other in working like Trojans.

LEEBOURN. From our own correspondent. Miss Mahony, of the Royal City, spent last week here, the guest of Miss Lindfield, who this week returns with her to Guelph to spend a week or so. T. Stewart built a new farm kitchen last week to his house.

NOR THS TIME.—Our jovial friend, the Commodore, was home for a day or so seeing his family, having recently had a tremendous struggle on the waters of Lake Erie with Old Neptune, who made a grab for his vessel in the shape of a mammoth whale, but which the Commodore was equal to, bringing his vessel into a port of safety all right, with the exception of a few losses of the rigging. He said to his numerous friends that it was the biggest storm he ever went through as a mariner of over 35 years' experience.

The pleasant form of A. Binney, of Goderich, has been visible in our midst of late. Besides being an expert as a ditcher he has few equals with the hoe, as the other day he did a mammoth day's work, hoeing turnips for J. G. Clutton. Over an acre was hoed by him. Those who doubt can be shown the ground gone over by J. G. Clutton any time, and perhaps afterwards would hold back a challenge to exceed Sandy.

PERSONAL.—Our former townsmen, F. B. Linfield, now attached to the staff of the Agricultural College, Guelph, gave the parental once a visit of several days last week. During his brief sojourn he visited many of his old friends. To many he expressed himself well pleased with the crops here, which promise good returns. He had to answer many questions on the culture of barley, particularly the growth of the sample got by the Dominion Government from England this year.

As noted last week, a special sermon was preached to the Sunday school scholars by Rev. J. A. Anderson on Sunday last. In the front pews were seated the scholars, over forty in number, with the S. school staff of teachers and officers. A number of parents with friends listened to the earnest discourse from 1st Samuel, iii chapter, 1st verse, from beginning to end, and were kept in rapt

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MARRIED. ROSSIE—WILSON—At the residence of the bride's father, Detroit, Mich., on the 21st, by Rev. Mr. Eastwell, Minister of the Gospel, Mr. David Wilson, Goderich, to Mr. James Rossier, Detroit.

DIED. MITCHELL—In Goderich, on Thursday, July 19th, 1890, John Mitchell, aged 6 months. The funeral will take place from residence, Brook-st., on Saturday, at 2:30 o'clock P.M.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS For Sale—E. N. Lewis, North-st. The Girl Wanted—Mrs. Garrow. Bicycles—Geo. W. Thomson. Dress Goods—J. A. Reid & Bro. Card of Thanks—E. C. Beckwith. Western Fair—Thos. A. Brown. Memorial Notice—Geo. Stewart. Summer Goods—A. E. Fridman. Wood for Sale—Ridgewood Farm. French Corsets—W. Acheson & Co. Sanitary Plumbing—Saunders & Son.

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Mrs. E. Hodgkins and visiting in Hamilton. Mrs. Harry D. Arnold, of visiting in town. John Tighe of Goderich a few days in Hullett. Miss Mowat returned to Stratford on Thursday. Mrs. Morrow left on Sunday steamer Lora, on a visit to Mrs. Yates is visiting Richardson, at the present.

Mr. Lannon, of Lucknow, is in town previous Chicago. Mrs. Merry, of Stratford the children in North-st. day school last Sabbath. Mr. Wm. Knight returned from the Grand Encampment No. 28 at the Grand Encampment. Miss Rutson, of London, is visiting at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. T. Rutson. Mrs. M. L. Turner, of Goderich, accompanied by Mr. W. D. Cox, of Chatham on Monday last, with parents here for a few days. Dr. A. Milton Humber, last, per steamer Lora to Mich., where he will be gone.

County high constable left Wednesday afternoon Montreal, where he will be gone. Mrs. Bernard Lyons, of Stratford, of Buffalo, Ontario, is visiting in town. Mrs. Wm. M. Monahan, Capt. and Mrs. Monahan, of Buffalo, Ontario, are visiting in town. De Hamlen and wife returned to their home spending the past week and Mrs. Hamlen, Napier, Ontario, is visiting in town. Mr. Wm. Sloane, at Detroit, arrived in town and was welcomed by many.