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## Country Talk.

### Elma and Wallace Boundary.

The following is the standing of the pupils in Union S. S. No. 2, Elma and Wallace, for the month of March, names in order of merit:—Fifth class—A. McLaren, senior Fourth—Arthur Wilbur, Andy Henderson, James Henderson, Junior Fourth—Wm. J. Marks, Jennie Whaley, Perry Brisbin, Senior Third—Earnest Stapleton, Robert Marks, John Milburn, Junior Third—Lydia Bender, Lizzie Bell, Annie Brisbin. Average attendance for the month 38.

Jos. W. WARD, Teacher.

### Brussels.

Charlie Sheriff, of Toronto, is in town. T. Watson, of Harriston, was in town Monday.

Spring house cleaning is on the war path already.

Mrs. Sparling is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Watson Ainley, this week.

Next Sabbath Rev. Selley preaches anniversary sermons in Seaford.

Miss Clara Creighton left for her situation as milliner in Watford last week.

Rev. S. Selley, B. A. B.D., lectured in Clinton last Monday evening. Subject: "Manliness."

Next Sunday Rev. Wesley Casson will preach in the Methodist church morning and evening.

Postmaster Farrow had the misfortune to fall down stairs a few days ago and dislocated his shoulder.

Next Monday evening the Methodist S. S. will give their song service, "Easter Bells." A large crowd is expected, as the admission is only a silver collection.

Last Sunday the Methodist S. S. had a Temperance service in place of the quarterly review. Recitations, bearing on the subject, were given by Bella Bawtinheimer, Maggie Mooney, Mary Pollock, Ira Gerry and Lorne Dunford, short speeches by Revs. Paul and Selley and music by the school, Misses L. Farrow, Theresa Gerry and Winnie Selley. A very pleasant and profitable time was spent.

### Monkton.

THE BEE from now to Jan. 1st, 1891, for 75 cents. Subscribe.

John Sanders, who has been seriously indisposed, is recovering.

Daniel Machan is making large shipments of hay to the Toronto markets.

Alex. Aikens and George Brown are the new elders recently elected in the Presbyterian church.

We regret to announce the illness of Mrs. Geo. Taylor this week. It is hoped that she will shortly regain her usual health.

We would be glad if our correspondent would favor us with news from this locality every week. We are anxious to have every section in Perth county represented in our columns weekly.—Ed.

Some sneak busied himself on certain nights recently in stealing from Mrs. McRobb's wood pile. Other villagers have also missed articles. The guilty culprit should be handled without gloves.

We understand that Peter Farr is about to rent that farm which lies to the west of Alex. Stuart's property. Peter is a pushing and industrious young man, and as he has the farm at a reasonable figure he will no doubt make it pay.

W. A. Tyndall has been engaged to make cheese in the Fordwich factory, in Howick. Mr. Tyndall has an excellent reputation as a cheesemaker and the Fordwich people have every reason to congratulate themselves on securing him.

### Stratford.

His old Stratford friends will be glad to hear that Peter Jarvis, son of P. R. Jarvis, Stratford, has been appointed Northwestern agent of the Lehigh Valley Transportation Co., with head quarters at St. Paul, Minn.

Among the many articles, ancient and modern, brought together at the Art Loan Exhibition to be seen an historic relic furnished by James Gordon, Stratford. This was a piece of oak exhumed from the tomb of James III, of Scotland, who was buried in Cambuskeneil Abbey, Stirling, about the year 1488. Mr. Gordon obtained the relic while on a visit to Stirling some twelve years ago from a friend who was present when some modern exigency led to the disturbance of the last resting place of the Scottish monarch.

The annual report of the Inspector of Prisons for the past year shows that while there has been a slight increase in the total number of commitments of adult males as compared with the previous year there has been a marked decrease in the commitments of females and boys. The average cost per day for each prisoner in the Stratford gaol was 25.69. The charge in Woodstock was 22.28 and in Goderich 27.02. In Guelph the cost was 52.34; and in fourteen gaols the cost was higher for rations than in Stratford. An inspection of the gaol, made on the 8th of October, states that the defects in the water system (discovered on a previous visit) had been remedied and were reported all right. The gaol was in very good order throughout; the books entered up and properly kept.

### Bornholm.

Promotion examinations here, as well as all over the country, are greatly agitating both teachers and pupils. Who will win the race?

The snow which fell during Friday's storm enabled the farmers here to haul wood and logs Saturday forenoon, but by the afternoon the sleighing had disappeared and the roads are in a worse condition than they were before the snow fell.

The Lutheran church at Brodhead was crowded on Sunday last, the attraction being the confirmation of seventeen of the children, who were prettily attired for the occasion. Judging from the manner in which the pupils acquitted themselves at their examination the previous Sunday, the minister, Rev. Mr. Litvian, has spared no pains in teaching his class during the winter. It would be well if the English church would take pattern of the Germans in that respect and establish a similar school for Bible teaching.

### Elma.

Wm. Bartja, 15th con., is very ill at present.

Mrs. Bowen, of the 12th con., continues in poor health.

Robt. Hamilton spent Sunday with friends in Logan township.

Miss A. Angus was renewing old acquaintances in Logan last Sunday.

Wm. W. Gray went to Poole last Tuesday to assist Mr. Chalmers to build his new cheese factory.

Mrs. Wm. Johnstone, of Carthage, has been spending a few days at her daughter's, Mrs. J. A. Gray.

Wm. Bartja Jr., 15th con., had the misfortune to lose a valuable mare and foal on Wednesday, March 29th.

Miss Mary Gray has returned home after a pleasant stay with friends in Downie, Fullarton and Blanshard.

David Chalmers visited the Elma cheese factory Monday for the purpose of gaining such information as would aid him in rebuilding and improving his factory at Honey Grove.

Henry Wilson, 15th con., has a ewe which dropped triplet lambs recently, being the second occurrence of this kind inside of twelve months. Six lambs from one ewe in twelve months, and all doing well, is prolific indeed. It is certainly a wonderful freak of nature.

James McKenzie, 16th con., purchased the two year old stallion, "Sandy Scott," bred from S. McAllister's imported Clydesdale mare, "Nellie Scott," and got by the celebrated stallion, "Darnley Chief." He is a nice tidy colt, of good quality, and promises to make a good horse.

SCHOOL REPORT.—The following are the names of the pupils in S. S. No. 4, who have attended school every day in the month of March:—Laura Turnbull, Ernest Smith, John Smith, William Hamilton, Maggie Hunter, Robena Dickson, John Adams, John Dickson, Ida Shannon, Hattie Challenger, Thos. Hamilton, Thomas Peebles, Herbert Turnbull, Alice Hunter, Etta Shannon, Maggie Mittelholtz, Alfred Challenger, Peter Grubber, Olive Hamilton and Nesbit Hamilton. Pupils in the register for the month, 70. Average attendance, 56.

SAMUEL SHANNON, Teacher.

### Listowel.

The proprietor of the Arlington hotel has put up a very nice street lamp in front of the hotel.

On Monday morning of last week two cars were thrown off the rails by the frozen mud on main street crossing and were shoved along the ties and across a cattle guard before engine was stopped. Quite a crowd gathered to watch the operation of replacing them. No damage was done.

A public meeting will be called by the mayor, for Thursday night, April 10th, to organize a Horticultural Society, with membership in town and townships, to aid in the Fall Fair work. It is intended to organize under the Ontario Act, to secure government aid, and to enlist the active help of all citizens in the exhibition.

The Stratford Natural Gas Company have decided to bore a hole and hunt for gas. They have let a contract to J. H. Mook, of Buffalo, to bore about 2,500 feet when they expect to find the gas. About \$2,700 worth of stock has been subscribed. We have some thousands of feet of an old salt well hole here in Listowel. It can be bought up cheap and might better pay than boring a new one.

The celebrated Life Boat crew, who are working under the auspices at the R. T. of T., commenced a week's Royal Revival temperance meeting last Thursday. This crew is composed of Professor Thos. Mills and Mr. and Mrs. McDonald. Mr. Mills is an Elocutionist and speaker of more than ordinary ability. Mr. and Mrs. McDonald are most talented singers, and wherever they go large crowds go to hear them.

Two men, Anderson and Pommer, were working in Hess Bros. room, Tuesday of last week, jacking up one end of a boiler. They had a chain about the boiler hitched to a piece of timber under which were a pair of jacks. It seems that during the process the shifting broke the steam pipe from the boiler. The men were above the boilers and had to make their escape through the scalding steam and water. Anderson was severely scalded, mostly about the head and shoulders. His clothing was soaked with the scalding water.

### Avonbank.

On the evening of Tuesday last a meeting was held here in the interests of the Equal Rights party. The senior speeches were occupied by the chair. Able Thompson and Rev. Mr. Tully, of Mitchell, and a large number of old-timers and Tories voted confidence in the new party's platform. The Equal Righters are strong in this section and will poll a good vote for their candidate.

### Donegal.

Wm. Vipond, son of Samuel Vipond, returned from Nebraska on Monday whither he has been sojourning for the last two years. Everybody will be glad that Will has given up his residence in the "far west" for the present season as he is a jolly good fellow and well thought of by all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance.

A large number of invited guests assembled at the residence of Wm. Flood one evening last week to spend a social evening. Music for the dancers was both well and ably supplied by Messrs. J. H. Irvine and H. Gray. Games, social chat, and other recreations went merrily enjoyed until the "wee sma' hours" warned the company that they and their excellent host and hostess must for the present part company.

A serious accident to John Candler, jr., last Thursday. He was engaged in cutting wood in Mr. S. McAllister's bush when the axe glanced and striking his foot made a deep gash. He was conveyed to the house by McAllister and his brother George. Dr. Hamilton was immediately sent for, the wound neatly dressed and sewed up. Although still weak from loss of blood we are pleased to state he is progressing favorably.

### Poole.

75 cents secures THE BEE from now to Jan. 1st, 1891.

Miss Maggie Shearer visited friends in Bright last week.

Robert Fleming was called to Toronto this week by the sad news that his brother had accidentally met his death.

The Messrs. Lamont, of Listowel, are doing a rushing business round here in the musical line. Several sales having been made within the last few days.

An old fashioned spelling match was held in the I. O. G. T. hall last Wednesday evening and proved a great success. The words were given out in the old orthodox way, and the spellers also stepped down in the orthodox way.

A number of the young people of this place drove over to the residence of Mr. Struther's last Friday evening where a very enjoyable time was spent. What might have proved a tragedy ending to the pleasant evening, happened to the crowd as they were turning to the road. The horses went too near the edge of a deep ditch, the sleigh turned over, and woe betide me! The whole cargo went down to the depths of the ditch. Owing, however, to the heroic efforts of the gentlemen of the party the ladies were rescued from a watery grave.

Appended are the names of the pupils of Poole public school, who took the highest standing in their respective classes during the month of February:—Sen. 4th class—Wm. Kines, Addie Large, R. Whitney. Jun. 4th class—J. C. Chalmers, Melville Large, Sara Brunk, Peter Dewar and Jennie Kines (equal). Sen. 3rd—Ella Atkins, Jun. 3rd—Jane Kines, Maud Large, D. Dewar, Geo. Bergmann. Sen. 2nd—Albert Bergmann, Jno Fleming, Mary Kipfer, Lena Smith.

MISS K. RICHMOND, Teacher.

### Carthage.

S. Leggart, general merchant of this village, is gone to London on business.

Miss Jessie Watson, of St. Marys, is at present visiting her sister, Mrs. J. Riddell.

James McMenamin, an old resident of this vicinity, has been seriously indisposed for some time past.

The union prayer meetings held in the Methodist church here are very largely attended and much good is being accomplished for the community.

A. Robinson has opened out a first class harness shop on Chestnut street. As he comes highly recommended he will doubtless do a flourishing business.

A. Urquhart, of Stratford, formerly of this village, has been sojourning here for some time past. Dame Rumor reports a wedding ere he takes his departure.

A couple of young men from this vicinity paid a visit to Atwood a few weeks ago, and many are the theories advanced as to the probable object of their visit. However time will tell.

The Carthage correspondent to the Listowel Standard must either be having a severe attack of the grip or is gone to fish "McGinty" out of the sea, as we have not heard from him lately.

The village of Carthage, although not so famous as its ancient predecessor, can boast of as much mud, as large wood piles, as many widow women and as poor sidewalkers, as any village of its size in the province.

Miss Aggie Wood has returned from Guelph where she has been visiting for some time past. This intelligence will doubtless be very gratifying to one of our young men who was bewailing her absence.

The Carthage public school is progressing rapidly under the skillful management of Miss E. L. McKim, who is making strenuous efforts to push her pupils forward for the coming examination, which takes place early in April.

### Newry.

Average attendance at the Newry public school for March 59; number of pupils enrolled during the month 68; girls 45, boys 23; number of pupils who missed no days during the month 34; number who attended less than 10 days 7. W. G. MORRISON, Teacher.

On Thursday evening of last week a checker match was played at the residence of Robert Morrison between Messrs. Wm. Robb, Arthur Robb, John G. Morrison, Andrew Robb, and Messrs. A. M. Sweetop, Robt. Morrison, William Morrison and John A. Morrison, resulting in favor of the former by 16 to 4. There were three draws. The game was very interesting and some good playing done by Arthur and Andrew Robb, both of whom won 6 games.

### Ethel.

Wm. Spence attended the Spring Assemblies this week in Goderich.

Miss M. Buchanan, of Hensall, is visiting her uncle, H. F. McAllister.

It is rumored that we will have no widowers scarcely in this vicinity after this week. It will be a little too premature to give their names in this issue.

D. Lowry, of Brussels, has the contract for the mason work and plastering of Burton's new hotel. R. Laag will do the carpenter work.

The Presbyterians are arranging for a choir to aid W. Spence, the veteran preacher. The Methodist church is also improving their choir.

Andrew Eckmick, being about to take his departure for Washington Territory, gave a farewell party last Thursday evening at the residence of his brother, J. Eckmick. There was a large attendance and a very pleasant evening was spent. He left by the noon train Wednesday in company with Robt. Carr, of the 12th con. As these are active and industrious young men they will no doubt do well in that district. We wish them luck.

### Grey.

Adam Steiss left last week for Montana where he will push his fortune.

George McDonald has returned from the Algoma District where he was working in the lumber woods for the past four months.

A. McNicol is building a new stable on his lot in Cranbrook. It is of the old style of architecture. Andy does not believe in new fangled things.

A new bank barn 45x64 feet, will be put up by Robt. McKay next summer. Thos. Newsome has the contract. C. Garness does the mason work.

Dan. Robertson, con. 14, has recently been offered a large salary on journalistic work, but will farm as usual the present season. A literary work, which has engaged his attention during his leisure hours for the last few years will probably be completed this season.

Old Mr. Bates died on Monday of last week at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Wm. Fralick, Morris, at the advanced age of over 80 years. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Mr. Paul, of Brussels, conducting the service. Mrs. Bates died a few years ago. One by one the old people are leaving us.

John Askin, jr., and John Robertson, jr., probably the largest jobbers in the wood cutting line in this section, are about through for the season. They are steady workers, and have cut, split and piled a great many cords during the winter. It is rumored that when they get all their money gathered in they will start a bank.

The "box" social given at the home of Samuel Matthews, recently, was a novel and most enjoyable affair. Each lad brought a box containing victuals for two. All the boxes were placed on a table and the gents made their selection, ascertaining the name of their partner when very odd couples as the result. The company left for their homes in the early morning well pleased with the evening's pleasure.

On Tuesday evening of last week a number of relatives and friends assembled at the home of John Roddick, 14th con., to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the marriage of the brow host and hostess. To say that a good time was put in does not cover the ground, but after enjoying the big-hearted hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Roddick the company separated, with many good wishes expressed for long life and continued happiness and prosperity to the old folk. THE BEE adds its congratulations.

CLOSING DEBATE.—The closing meeting of the Literary Society of Shine's school was held on Monday evening of last week. The attendance was fair, notwithstanding the condition of the roads. The feature of the evening was a debate on the subject:—"Resolved that we learn more from reading than from observation." The affirmative was upheld by Alex. Perrie, Jas. Perrie and J. McLaughlin, and the negative by Wm. Perrie and Jas. Robertson. After the combatants had delivered themselves of a quantity of arguments, humor and sarcasm, and the smoke had cleared away, the chairman, D. Ballantyne, of Brussels, gave decision in favor of the affirmative. William Perry, the President, during the term spared no pains to make the meeting a success. The trustees and parents of S. S. No. 1 are to be congratulated on their broad and liberal spirit of fellowship.

### Burns.

Miss Minnie Gordon, of Morningdale, is the guest of G. G. Patterson this week.

Charlie Clockman, who has been ill for some time, is able to be round again.

Eben F. Freeborn is visiting friends in London this week. He intends visiting Toronto where he has many friends and relations before he returns. We wish Eben a pleasant time.

### Mornington.

The following are the pupils who took highest number of marks in their classes as shown by the examinations held in school No. 9 for the month of March. The names are in order of merit:—Senior Fourth—Sarah Roe, Agnes Sanderson, David Harrow and Rebecca Roe. Junior Fourth—Moses Stickle, Janet Hamilton and Adam Sipple. Senior Third—Lorace Williams and Wm. Sipple (equal). Maria Edwards and Richard Roe. Junior Third—Lydia Edwards, Ada Long and William Roe. Second—Henry Stevenson, Peter Stickle and Sarah Harrow. The average attendance for the month was 39.

JAMES L. WILSON, Teacher.

### Wallace.

There have been several changes in land property lately. D. Rogers has disposed of his farm for \$4,000 to Mr. Millet, of Fullarton. Mr. R. has removed to a farm which he purchased near Theford. Mr. Fisher of Elma, removed to the farm which he purchased from R. S. Turnbull, of Manitoba. R. Crooks is now residing on Mrs. Gordon's farm on the boundary of Wallace and Elma.

Wm. Bettinson, of Gowansdown, Wallace township, has invented and constructed a new machine for drilling wells which bids fair to knock out all other machines of the kind, so those who have seen it work. The machine is roughly constructed, but it bores with ease four feet an hour through rock, and the inventor calculates that a nicely constructed machine with improved drills will bore faster than that. The machine is so made that the piping is forced into the earth while the drill is in operation. Mr. Bettinson has made a move to get out a patent for the machine.

Progress of Christianity in Formosa.

INTERESTING PAPER READ BY PHINEAS PRIEST AT THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S LITERARY SOCIETY.

The English Presbyterian church started a mission in the south of Formosa in 1865, which had connected with it some remarkable men who developed it with much energy and success. G. L. Mackay landed at Tamsui, a treaty port in northern Formosa, in 1872. He rented a small house which the owner intended to use as a stable, and there commenced to learn the language. He spent much of his time on the hills with the boys herding, so as to get familiar with the ordinary words they used. In two months, in broken sentences, he could tell the story of Christ. The officials were suspicious and prejudiced against foreigners. A guard of from six to twelve soldiers were kept constantly watching him sleeping outside of his house at night. But he treated them kindly, giving them medicines when they were sick. Bills were posted up representing him as the Queen's agent for plucking out eyes and sending them to England for the manufacture of opium. His life was threatened many times and every conceivable object put in his way. He travelled mostly bare footed and preached the Gospel in every village in northern Formosa. His work extended to the Pephohens, and from there to the uncivilized aborigines. Devoted followers gathered around him and sheltered him from many dangers. Dr. Mackay visited Canada in 1881. His native country, Oxford, raised a sum of \$7,000 and presented it to him at a large meeting held in Woodstock, with which he built a training school, or college, named Oxford College, which has many students. A large girl's school has also been built at Tamsui, with funds forwarded by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. A hospital has been built there at a cost of \$3,000, defrayed by Mrs. McKay, of Windsor. From 1,200 to 1,500 new patients are admitted and treated annually in this hospital. After much labor and troublesome correspondence Dr. Mackay received compensation money from the Mandarins for the chapel destroyed while the French were there. With this money he built stone chapels without ornamentation, but plastered on the outside to keep the climate from destroying the stone. With this money he might have built a greater number of inferior chapels but he wanted to impress the idea that religion was lasting. He also put spires on four of them in order to break up a superstitious belief among the Chinese that there dare not be a building erected higher than their temples. Dr. Mackay seized a favorable opportunity when the Mandarins were friendly and the people dare not oppose and quickly put on the spires. In 1886 they held in Tamsui the commemoration of the fourteenth anniversary of his landing, when 1,273 converts were assembled. There are now 50 chapels, 51 preachers, 2 ordained ministers. Their salaries averaging from \$8 to \$20 per month. There are 2,650 baptized members, 64 elders, and 60 deacons.