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Perth County Notes.

The Fullarton spring show will be held on April 4.

Wm. Hewitt, of Carlingford, has sold his farm to John Davidson for \$4,400.

J. B. Wilson, postmaster at Russel- dale, has removed to Fullarton village.

Stratford-Spring Show will be held on Tuesday, 15th of April, the day before the Listowel show.

The Stratford Board of Trade is agitating for the establishment of a canning factory in that town.

F. L. Hamilton's side defeated the side led by James Miller in a checker match at Cromarty by 39 to 13.

The council of the town of St. Marys have by-law reduced the number of hotels there from nine to eight, and put the fee at \$200.

The St. Marys Argus says that the unprecedented rate of taxation in the Stone Town is driving owners of land devoted to agriculture out of the place.

The sale of Robert Stewart's, North Easthope, went off lively. Horses averaged \$97, cows went for \$40, and yearlings \$23.50. Everything sold very high.

W. Porteous bought a 50 acre farm in Logan a few days ago for \$1,600. We hear from Mr. Hesson via Ottawa, that farm property has not depreciated in value since 1873.

The old License Commissioners in South Perth have been reappointed; Messrs T. H. Race, Mitchell; James Prindville, Logan; J. S. McIntyre, Blanchard. J. S. Coppin, Mitchell, is the inspector.

John Sehr, Tavistock, has sold his house and lot, about four acres, to Mr. Poeder, of Ellice, for the sum of \$1,550. Mr. Sehr found his property too large for a man of his age and intends purchasing a smaller place where to spend his declining years.

The debt on the Knox church property at Mitchell has been completely wiped out. Since Rev. Mr. Tully became pastor of the church, nearly \$7,000, including interest and principal, have been collected, independent of the annual running expenses of the church. Steps will now be taken for the erection of a new building.

The Presbyterian Record of last week says:—"The Stratford Presbytery will overture the synod of Hamilton and London to reverse the decision in reference to the entertainment of delegates attending the meetings of the synod, and ask leave to return to the good old fashioned way of accommodating delegates in private families in so far as it may be convenient and agreeable to all parties concerned. The Presbytery would have the minister's connection with the aged and infirm ministers entirely voluntary.

Rev. A. B. Winchester, who has ably conducted the services in Knox church, Stratford, most of the time since Rev. Mr. Wright's resignation, has left for Toronto, where we understand he takes charge of a mission church. Mr. Winchester is a very able and interesting preacher and warmly endeared himself to every member of Knox church with whom he came in contact. The congregations were larger than usual on Sunday of last week it being understood the sermons would be the last Mr. Winchester would preach for the present. The discourses were very fine and effective ones and the regrets were universal that they were likely to be the last heard from the esteemed and talented gentleman for some time.

A meeting of the Stratford Board of Trade was held on Friday evening week. There was a good turn out. They first decided to petition the Government to appoint a grain inspector for Stratford. They decided to recommend an amendment to the municipal act to abolish the system of bonuses and exemptions. A committee was appointed to draft a petition bearing upon the subject to be transmitted to every board of trade in the province. They also recommended that the board petition for legislation which will enable magistrates to deal with cases now within the jurisdiction of the division court, giving any police magistrate who is a barrister power to deal summarily with all such cases, and any other two magistrates power to deal with any case not exceeding \$100, and any one power to deal with any case up to \$50. The Government will be petitioned for a reduction of the postage rate from 3 to 2 cents per oz.

On Monday of last week young Strickert, of Logan, aged about 16 years, son of Christian Strickert, who is serving three years in Kingston penitentiary for the woolsen mills burglary, brought a small quantity of peas to market and was given a ticket at Carter & Sons storehouse for two bushels. Before presenting the ticket for payment at Mr. Hord's store he added a figure 2, making the ticket good for 22 bushels. On Tuesday he brought more peas and got a ticket for 4 bushels, which he altered to 41 bushels. He got the money, paid Mr. Hord \$5 on an old store account, bought himself a watch and chain and went home with the remainder of the money in his pocket. In making up the tickets on Tuesday night fraud was discovered, and Mr. Lester drove out to the boy's home and succeeded in getting the matter made right. We understand that Mr. Lester does not intend to prosecute the young scamp this time, hoping that it may act as a warning to him in the future.

Presbytery of Huron.

Huron Presbytery met in Clinton on 11th inst. Session records were examined and attested. Reports on the "State of Religion" and Sabbath Observance were given by Messrs Musgrave and Henderson, respectively, in the absence of Mr. McConnell, indisposed by a gripe, the report on Temperance was read by Mr. Acheson. Mr. Fletcher stated that the congregation of Carmel church, Hensall, raised the stipend of their minister to \$1,000 and gave a month's holiday yearly. This Presbytery expressed satisfaction with the commendable action of the Hensall congregation in the matter. A call was taken up from Bayfield and Bethany in favor of Rev. Robt. Henderson. A letter from Mr. McConnell was read, stating that he moderated in the call in the usual way. The call was sustained, after hearing Messrs. Simons and Torrance in support of it, testifying to its unanimity, etc. The congregations promise an annual stipend of \$450 and the Presbytery agreed to apply to the Assembly's Home Mission Committee for a supplement of \$300 to make the stipend \$750. It was also agreed to ask that the supplement of \$250 be continued to Grand Bend and Corbett. Reports of missionary meetings held and missionary sermons preached and given. Messrs. Henderson and Simons were appointed members of the Synod's Committee of Bills and Overtures. Dr. Laing, of Dundas, was nominated as the next Moderator of the General Assembly. The following motion was unanimously passed with regard to Sabbath Observance:—"The Presbytery, in view of the persistent attempts made by railroad, canal, steamboat companies and other commercial corporations to rob the community of the boon of a well kept Sabbath, and being impressed with the importance of preserving the sacredness of the day, both from an economic and religious point of view, would express its decided satisfaction with the bill now before the Dominion Legislature to secure the better observance of the Lord's Day, and would further express the hope that our representatives in Parliament give the bill their hearty support, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to Mr. Charlton and the members who represent this county in the Dominion House of Commons." Next meeting of Presbytery to be held in Blyth in May.

Huron County Notes.

John Haannah, of Seaforth, is an applicant for the position recently vacated by Prof. Robertson, of the Ontario Agricultural College.

The Lodge of Good Templars that has been established in Wingham is flourishing. About 80 have joined, and there is a good attendance. An excellent program is furnished each evening, of recitation, dialogues, speeches, etc.

On Saturday, of last week, Peter Deans, auctioneer, sold the Plunkett farm, being east half of lot 41, concession 12, east Wawanosh, to Robt. Mason, of Morris, near Wingham, for \$3,900. It is said that Mr. Mason has got a decided bargain.

One of the best auction sales that has taken place in the township was that held on the farm of Thos. Simpson, 11th con. of McKillop. Mr. S. was a good stock-keeper, and all his animals were of the best and in prime condition, and consequently they sold readily and brought, in some instances, fancy prices. Grade cows went at from \$50 to \$70; a pair of horses sold for \$300 and other stock at proportionate prices. The whole sale realized over \$1,000. This for the stuff on a 50 acre farm is pretty good.

Messrs. John McKay & Sons, the well known breeders of Tuckersmith township, have this season sold four thoroughbred bulls and two heifers. They sold a bull and a heifer to T. Luker, of Hay; a bull to John Webb, of Hibbert; a bull and a heifer to Wm. McArthur, of Morris, and a bull to Alex. Buchanan, of Tuckersmith. The bulls ranged in age from 6 to 15 months, while one heifer was a year old and the other six months. The prices paid ranged from \$75 to \$100. Messrs. McKay have now disposed of all their bulls except one, a nine months' old animal. They have still a herd of ten thoroughbreds with four cows yet to calve.

PROFITABLE FARMING.—John Stafford, of the 13th concession of McKillop, is a farmer who devotes a good deal of attention to gardening, and the manner in which he makes it pay may be judged from the following: Last year he sold 200 bushels of onions, at 75 cents per bushel; 3,000 heads of cabbage at \$6 per hundred, and 1,700 heads of cauliflower for \$30. All this stuff was grown off one and three eighths of an acre of land, and as will be seen realized \$360, and Mr. Stafford did all the work himself besides attending to other farm work. This pays better than growing fall wheat. Mr. Stafford also grew 170 bags of potatoes from an acre and a quarter of land. Two years ago he planted 1 1/2 lbs. of Empire State variety of potatoes, from which he grew 80 lbs. This produced 15 bushels, which he is now selling for seed at \$2 per bushel. Two years ago Mr. Stafford cleared over \$300 on the sale of garden vegetables, and for last year he expects his profits will be a good deal larger. Besides running his garden he carries on all other kinds of farming. He always goes in for the best, and rarely has a failure, and he is making money.

Monthly Cattle Fairs.

Atwood—Tuesday before first Friday of each month.

Listowel—First Friday in each month.

Guelph—First Wednesday in each month.

Clifford—Thursday before the Guelph fair.

Teviotdale—Friday before the Guelph fair.

Harriston—Friday before the Guelph fair.

Bosworth—Saturday before the Guelph fair.

Drayton—Saturday before Guelph.

Moorefield—Monday before Guelph.

Flora—The day before Guelph.

Mount Forest—Third Wednesday in each month.

Millbank—Wednesday before second Tuesday in each month.

Washington Letter.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, March 10, 1890. It is probable that the investigation of the Civil Service Commission which has just ended will lead to no satisfactory conclusion either way. The House committee is very apt to take the ground in hand is to search impartially into the workings of the system, and accordingly it is quite likely that they may reach the administrative mishaps which some of the commissioners have incurred as of slight importance, and as having little bearing on the general question. Beyond doubt Commissioner Lyman favored his brother-in-law, Campbell, but in such circumstances men will act similarly to the close of time, whether there be any Civil Service law or no—Civil Service law is immaterial. Beyond question Mr. Roosevelt was only half-informed in the affair of the Milwaukee postmastership, but a good deal will be forgiven to new zeal and freshness of knowledge in relation to official management. But the strange and utterly inadequate method by which the Commission undertook to try important officials and report upon their efficiency or non-efficiency—their conformity or non-conformity to law, cannot be easily explained. Their mode of proceeding in this matter will strike the average mind as being unfair and un-American, and the census which will probably weigh most heavily on the Commission will be on this account. Whatever conclusion the committee may arrive at the investigation will impress the people at large with the belief that the present Commissioners are not thoroughly efficient. Whether this belief in their inefficiency is due to their want of knowledge of, or their want of harmony with, the spirit of a real civil service reform, or is owing to mere personal lack of discretion, is difficult to determine. It would not, however, be surprising if the present contention should lead to some changes in the commission.

Everyone has heard of old grandma searching all over the house for the spectacles which were very conspicuous on her forehead, and of little Johnnie laughing at the woman's vain chase. It seems to me that the Senate in searching for the leaked Senatorial secrets is very much like the old woman looking for her spectacles, and it is very little wonder that the Johnnies laugh. Senators ought to know that fully one-third of their number, at one time or another, give to the newspapers full and detailed accounts of the proceedings held in secret sessions, that a much larger number are always willing to tell, in a general way, what has been done, and that there is hardly a member of the Senate who will not accommodate newspaper reporter so far as to tell him that a certain thing has not been done if it has not. Apart from this, which is a moderate estimate of the general politeness and obligitiveness of United States Senators, everybody who knows anything knows that it is a poor newspaper man that doesn't "own his Senator" as the phrase goes. The members of the Senator Dolph's inquisition seem to be oblivious of the fact that generally speaking, every Senator has a newspaper correspondent for private secretary. They also know that this private secretary correspondent never does any of the work of a private secretary and that he never receives any pay, but that it is simply an arrangement under which the Senator is to help the correspondent to news, and that the correspondent will help the Senator to fame.

Every stranger who visits Washington remarks upon the hotel-place appearance of the city. On almost every hand this half-built feature is brought to their notice. On prominent residence streets and busy thoroughfares the view is the same. Our great Capitol building enclosed by its beautiful park, is surrounded by small one-story shops and tumble-down frame shanties. Representative Henderson's new house, one of the handsome in the city, is surrounded by hovels. Senator Sawyer's imposing residence is likewise crowded in by objectionable frames. Just below the British Minister's are several dilapidated frames, and adjoining ex-speaker Carlisle's home is another eyesore. And thus it runs over the entire city. Sixteenth street, overlooking the White House, Lafayette Square, and Scott Circle, is one hundred and sixty feet wide, and should be our most beautiful street. However, its very centre is stifled by old frame houses; prices are held high, and very few people have the courage to pioneer such a district.

Atwood Public School.

The following is the relative standing of the pupils of the village school as determined by Friday's written examination in order of merit:

FOURTH CLASS.—Geo. Longmire, Frances Mader and Nellie Hoar (equal) Kate Priest, Florence Stacey, Albert Robertson.

SENIOR THIRD.—Geo. Dunn, Robert Morrison, Minnie Corrie, Mayne Hamilton, Edith Robertson, Robert Nesbitt.

JUNIOR THIRD.—Geo. Porter, Wm. Longmire, John Skalitzy, Essie Coghlin, John Corrie, Minnie Blair, Mary Murray, Wm. Hoar, Wesley Nichols, Wm. Rogers, Annie Giddins, Eva Priest, Edith Hope, Lizzie Graham.

ELMA COUNCIL.

The municipal council of the township of Elma met at Loerger's hotel, Atwood, on the 14th March. Members all present. Minutes of last meeting read and signed. Moved by Mr. Lochhead, seconded by Mr. Couler, that Mr. Noble be paid \$40.08, being amount of contract of gravelling on boundary of Elma and Logan (Elma's share). Carried. Moved by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Lochhead, that in reference to the petition of S. Buchanan and thirty others asking for improvements in sideline, con. 13, between lots 25 and 26, the Reeve and Messrs. Couler and Richmond be appointed to examine and report at a future meeting. Carried. Moved by Mr. Couler, seconded by Mr. Bray, that L. Bolton be appointed township engineer at a salary of \$10 per day for each day actually engaged in the field and the sum includes all office work in connection therewith. Carried. Moved by Mr. Couler, seconded by Wm. Lochhead, that the Clerk be authorized to write to the Clerk of Mornington in reference to the payment of the drainage money owing to Elma now past due. Carried. Moved by Wm. Lochhead, seconded by Mr. Richmond, that 300 copies of the Auditors' Abstract be printed. Carried. Moved by Mr. Bray, seconded by Wm. Lochhead, that the next meeting of the council be held at Newry, at Wynn's hotel, at the call of the Reeve. Carried. Moved by Wm. Lochhead, seconded by Mr. Bray, that the tender of R. S. Pelton for the township printing for the sum of \$60 be accepted. Carried. Mr. Couler moved that the tender of Davis Bros. for \$44 be accepted. Moved by Mr. Bray, seconded by Wm. Lochhead, that orders be issued for payment of the following accounts:—E. Henry, \$5; inspecting gravel contract township line, Elma and Logan, W. Peel, \$34.12; gravelling con. 14, L. Lantz, \$1.75; culvert at Trowbridge, F. Siven, \$20; Elma's share contract, tp. line Elma and Mornington T. Jickling, \$10.00 gravel, and \$10.90 filling gravel. Carried. Pathmasters were appointed as follows:—D. Dipple, A. Weber, J. Mann, A. Henderson, J. G. Ballard, D. Hotel, S. Follis, J. Hamilton, S. Love, W. Hewitt, Wm. Hewitt, T. Forbes, J. Brock, W. Keith, G. Green, A. Rae, J. Stevenson, T. Haddow, J. Mayberry, A. Tughan, E. Medd, J. Mitchell, W. Shearer, T. Jickling, W. Hargreaves, W. Stevenson, J. Boyd, W. Booth, W. Jackson, J. Rozzell, J. Porter, S. S. Boyd, W. Hone, J. Hammond, J. Currie, D. Edgar, T. Grubber, G. Graham, J. Hanna, G. Hume, W. Burk, G. W. Foulston, L. Lucas, R. Hamilton, J. Nichol, J. A. Morrison, W. Wilson, C. Mason, R. Henry, J. Hanna, J. Honze, S. Bennett, J. Holmes, A. Struthers, S. McCourt, S. Roe, W. Peel, A. Forrest, T. Hammond, A. Buchan, W. Buchanan, C. Ritter, A. Luddington, H. Ronnerberg, J. Elacott, F. Debus, E. Cleaver, F. Doering, J. Lambert, J. McKay, R. Smith, J. Holman, Jas. Holman, T. R. Scott, J. Adam, E. Parkinson, M. Gremelin, G. Gollyght, Monkton; Trowbridge, J. McCrae; Newry, J. McNeiland; Atwood north, W. Brown, south, J. Switzer; side road beat, Trowbridge, J. Adams. Fence-viewers: J. A. Turnbull, W. Jackson, A. Tughan, J. W. Boyd, J. Shearer, W. F. Forrest, W. Stevenson, W. Burnett, J. Sproul, W. Brown, R. Ballantyne, J. W. Rowland, A. Coxson, W. J. Gilkinson, W. Gilmer. Poundkeepers: J. B. Hamilton, F. Deaton, J. Nesbitt, J. Mitchell, G. Coghlin, V. Ioerger, W. Stevenson, R. Ford, A. Huggins and J. Cuthbertson. Council then adjourned.

T. FULLARTON, Clerk.

Newry.

Our merchants report business as being more promising lately.

Mr. Humphreys who contracted a severe cold was confined indoors a few days. Billy must be up and doing so long as life exists.

Mm. Morrison has been laid up for nearly two weeks owing to a large carbuncle which made itself prominent on his cheek. The amount of "cheek" which he possessed was marvellous.

There is talk of having our village connected with our village by means of a sidewalk. The idea is a good one and about a days work from those interested would soon accomplish the enterprise. [A capital scheme.—Ed.]

A number from our village took in the surprise party on the 14th con., at W. Forrest's. Nothing was left undone that would add to the enjoyment of those present. The "light fantastic toe" was tripped until the dawn of day. We are in sympathy with Charlie for losing his best girl, but corner lots and cross roads are rather bewildering and perplexing at times.

John Morrison has been suffering from a severely sprained foot this last week.

Blanchard.

The young people of Anderson gave an oyster supper last Friday evening. A very enjoyable time was spent by the large company present.

Alex. Cameron, one of our enterprising farmers, disposed of four of his cattle last week, realizing \$36 apiece. The animals weighed on an average of 1,000 lbs. each. It pays to raise good stock.

Britton.

The class organized in the beginning of the winter for instruction in vocal music by Miss O'Conner, of Listowel, is progressing favorably.

John Davidson, our much respected farmer, has moved with his family to Toronto where he secured steady employment. Our loss is Toronto's gain.

The prayer meetings held on Sunday and Wednesday evenings of each week are well attended, notwithstanding the often unfavorable condition of the roads.

Thomas Preston has been engaged for the past few days hauling brick from the depot for his new dwelling house which he intends erecting the coming season.

The choir of the Baptist church, Listowel, held a musical entertainment in the school house here Friday evening of last week. Those who were fortunate enough to attend enjoyed a rare treat.

Bornholm.

Much sympathy is felt in this neighborhood for the husband and children of Mrs. P. Gaffney who, through illness, has become slightly deranged in her mind.

The farmers in this vicinity are busily engaged in hauling wood from the bush, part of which is sent to town while the greater quantity is piled on the roadside, the scarcity of snow preventing its being taken farther. A couple of weeks sleighing would be gladly welcomed by all.

The Rev. Mr. Swann, of Monkton, preached an excellent sermon on Sunday last to his Bethesda congregation, his subject was "Education." He founded his words on Daniel xii: 4: "Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." He entreated all, especially the young, to improve every opportunity of gaining knowledge, no doubt many went away impressed with the idea that it is never too late to learn.

Monkton.

Mr. McClory's sale on the 13th was largely attended. Owing to some misunderstanding the sale was given to two auctioneers, Messrs. Morrison, of Atwood, and Merryfield of Monkton, who wisely came to an understanding and both took part in the sale and fair prices were realized. Mr. McClory has rented the Commercial Hotel, Listowel, where he may be found in the future ready to accommodate the public.

A special meeting of the shareholders and patrons of the Monkton Cheese and Butter Manufacturing Co. was held in the factory on Friday, 14th inst., for the purpose of letting the hauling of the milk on the different routes and other general business. After a spirited discussion it was decided to retain the whey at the factory and either sell it or procure hogs to consume the same. The hauling of the milk was let by auctioneer Merryfield to the following parties:—Con. 14, Elma, J. W. Rowland; con. 16, F. Ferg; con. 18, H. Martin; boundary west, W. Noble; boundary east, D. Adair; con. 14, Logan, A. Aikens; con. 12, A. Campbell, Ellice route, G. Inglis.

Donegal.

Wm. Shearer, assessor, paid a visit to our village Monday and Tuesday.

S. McAllister has removed from the farm into the village. He purposes giving his whole time and attention to his cheese manufacturing business in the future, and will no doubt be able to raise the high reputation of the Donegal factory still higher. Push and energy will tell. H. Smith, who has rented the farm is expected to take possession in a few days.

A first class social entertainment was given in the Methodist church Tuesday evening. H. Hoar and A. Holmes, from Atwood took part, also Mr. Davis from Ethel. Rev. F. Swann gave a real excellent address on "Self Improvement." The attendance was good. Though the admission fee was small over \$16 was realized. It was the best and most enjoyable gathering we have had for a long time.

A considerable number of the young people of this locality spent an enjoyable evening at the residence of Wm. Struthers on Wednesday evening last. Music, dancing and singing were furnished in abundance for the assembled guests, and copious provision made for the inner man. We are sorry to lose Mr. Struthers and family from our vicinity, but our loss will be Newry's gain as in a few days he intends to remove to his own farm lot 19, in the 10th con. We wish him continued prosperity.

Throughout our life's brief span On this terrestrial ball, Kind Heaven protect us from the man, The man who "knows it all."