

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Poultry Thieving in Various Parts of the West.

Several Changes Reported in the Canada Militia.

Brantford Clergy on the Efficiency of Prayer—Serious Accident at Leamington—The Traveling Dairy at Berlin.

BRANT. Some Brantford clergymen have been discussing the efficacy of prayer. They agreed with Mr. Moody rather than with the members of the Canadian Order of Foresters.

The members of the Canadian Order of Foresters paraded to Wellington Street Methodist Church, Brantford, Sunday night, where the annual sermon was preached by Rev. A. E. Russ.

Mayor Scord, Brantford, has been presented with a requisition asking him to stand for a second term, and he has consented.

The date of the banquet to J. K. O'Brien, Brantford, has been fixed for Dec. 20.

Brantford Young Liberals have been discussing a resolution calling for a Dominion convention and giving expression to its views on the trade question.

The debate will be continued at the next meeting.

At the quarter sessions at Brantford on Saturday the following cases were settled: Heyd vs. Spiers, adjourned until the June session; alias vs. Callender, verdict for \$50 damages for dismissal; Salmon vs. Miller, suit for damages received in a runaway accident, verdict for plaintiff for \$500.

R. F. Meredith, Paris, has accepted the position of manager of T. Patterson's farm near Eastwood.

BRUCE. Frank Flood, 2nd con., Elderslie, has sold his farm of 100 acres to Mr. Robinson, of Elmwood, for \$5,000.

The Pimperton farm, 4th con., has also been disposed of at a good figure. About 900 acres of Elderslie property has recently exchanged hands, including the Gillies and McKelvie estates.

A literary society is to be organized at Haysville.

ELGIN. Dr. Robert May, formerly of Port Stanley, has located at Kinross, Mich.

Alex. Woods, who has been operator in the C. P. R. telegraph office at St. Thomas, will take a position in the telegraph office at Toronto.

Archie Forbes will be chief operator at St. Thomas.

ESSEX. Sneak thieves are working Leamington. John Sutherland and Gordon Steele, of Leamington, were buried under a pile of stolen goods, and both sustained very severe injuries.

Steele had a leg and arm broken. Leamington council has held a one-minute session.

At Amherstburg Eli Morin has had \$22 worth of butter stolen from his store.

Twenty-four geese were stolen from Mrs. Albert Baldwin, of Colchester, the other night.

HURON. Second Lieut. H. D. Billings, No. 6 Company, Thirty-third Huron Battalion, Exeter, having left the limits, his name is removed from the list.

Wm. H. Macdonald, No. 8 Company, Gore, resigns.

Friday night John Smith, formerly of Goderich, passed away at Kingston, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. W. E. Dorland. The deceased had been living in the city only a short time, and a few days ago was stricken down with a paralytic stroke. He was 78 years of age.

Crosley and Hunter, the evangelists, go to Goderich next week.

Ben Wilson, formerly one of the mounted police, and brother of S. Wilson, of Uxbridge, has been visiting friends at Biddulph the past week. He intends locating in Montana, and will visit the World's Fair in Chicago when returning home.

KENT. Mumps are prevalent at Dresden. Mr. Churchill, of the firm of Gosnell, Burchall & Delmage, Ridgeway, has left for San Francisco, where he will spend the winter.

There is no clue to the thief who made a high haul at Mrs. Diney's residence, Chatham, Thursday night.

ner that she was at one time reputed to be worth over \$50,000, and was generally known as "Queen" Morgan. Recent losses and the shrinkage in the value of real estate of late years reduced this sum materially, and it is doubtful if she was worth over \$20,000 at the time of her death. Her only son died about eight years ago, and a grandson comes in for a good share of the property, although other relatives will be well provided for. Deceased was quite eccentric in her way, but as a rule remarkably shrewd in money matters.—[Watford Guide-Advocate.]

MIDDLESEX. There was a total of 120 inmates in the Middlesex House of Refuge during the past year. Eight died, 26 were discharged, 5 absconded; present number of inmates, 80. Intemperance is credited with 37 cases. Cost of maintenance, \$7,485.50.

The death occurred in West Nisour, on Saturday, of John Gourlay (known best by the name of Sergeant), at the age of 77 years. Deceased was formerly connected with H. M. Twenty-seventh Regiment of Foot, and served at the Cape of Good Hope and at other places during his fifteen years' service. He was very highly respected by all who knew him. Some eight months ago he met with an accident, and since then until death he was forced to use crutches. The funeral was largely attended, the remains being interred at Clipperton's cemetery. He leaves three sons and three daughters, all grown up.

At the last meeting of West Nisour Township Council the time for the return of the collectors' roll was extended until the third Monday in January.

There are a few cases of chickenpox in Lucan.

OXFORD. The [Brookfield] Methodist Church will have anniversary services Dec. 25.

Robert Mooby, living on the 13th con., River Range, Oxford, sustained a big loss by fire the other night. His barn and shed and all the contents were consumed, together with seven head of the cattle. The horses were barely got out in time for their safety.

Over 300 hens have been stolen from farmers in the vicinity of Sarnia during the past six weeks.

PEER. Lieut. Albert E. Jamieson, No. 5 Company, Twenty-eighth Battalion, Listowel, having left the limits, his name has been removed from the list.

Second Lieut. David P. McNeil, of No. 6 Company, Stratford, having failed to qualify, his name is also removed.

One of the most interesting social events of the season at Stratford was the marriage on Thursday evening of Miss Isabel Kyle, youngest daughter of James Kyle, of that city, to A. H. Alexander, city agent for the G. T. R., and the G. N. W. Telegraph Company.

The wedding was witnessed by only a few relatives and intimate friends.

Chas. Rankin, Stratford, dislocated his shoulder by an accident last week.

A gathering of Royal Arch Masons from all parts of the Huron district was in Stratford Friday attending a chapter of instruction under the direction of C. A. Humber, of Goderich, grand superintendent.

The Strongly Liberal Club have declared their intention of holding a convention to be held not later than February for the purpose of formulating a policy and perfecting organization.

Fred. Frim, a British pensioner, was admitted to the Stratford hospital Friday suffering from a serious fracture of the ribs, the result of a fall.

WATERLOO. Paymaster and Honorary Captain Adam Cranston, of the Twenty-ninth Waterloo Battalion, Berlin, is granted the honorary rank of major, to date from Nov. 30, 1887.

The Berlin town hall was filled Saturday with many of the prominent farmers of the county to see the new way of making butter exhibited by the travelling dairy.

After a number of exhibitions had been made of the latest process, Prof. Linfield addressed the audience, his subject being "Butter, and How to Make It." The professor was listened to with the closest attention by the farmers and others present.

WENTWORTH. Wm. Wylie, an old Hamilton boy, was ordained a Presbyterian minister at Waukegan on Dec. 13.

Henry Arland has been offered \$50,000 for his patent on an extension boot. The boot is made to accommodate the foot of any lame person, and in wearing it the shorter limb is brought so into conformity with the other that all the lameness disappears.

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