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Country Talk.

Bornholm.

A very sad occurrence took place on Tuesday of last week, which cast a gloom over the place. As Mr. Baker and his son, of the 9th con., were engaged in felling a tree the former was struck with it, which rendered him helpless for a time. The son hastened home for a sleigh in which to convey his father, but after going a few rods fell dead, where he was found some time afterwards by his father, who had gained strength enough to walk a little. The boy was about 22 years old and much respected by all who knew him.

Ethel.

Council met here last Monday. Business continues to improve. H. F. McAllister has taken a partner. The young man's name is McAllister and looks like H. F. Dr. Cale's uncle died at Stratford, on Friday, Dec. 5th. The funeral was on Sunday. Our M. D. attended.

We would like our Ethel scribe to forward us the news in abundance during the next few weeks.—Ed. Bee.

Remember the public school examination to-day (Friday) and the entertainment to be given by the Sons of Temperance this evening.

Rev. Mr. Paul, of Brussels, occupied the Methodist pulpit last Sabbath evening. It seemed like old times to hear him preach to us once more.

On Monday evening of last week a number of the village young people took advantage of the sleighing and spent a very enjoyable time at the residence of Jas. Livingston, 16th con.

The annual meeting of the patrons of the Ethel cheese factory will be held in Mr. Burton's Hall, Ethel, on Wednesday, 24th Dec., at 1 o'clock p. m. Patrons and all interested are requested to attend.

Elma.

E. E. Harvey, of University College, Toronto, arrived home, 10th con., last Tuesday. He looks well.

A school examination will be held in U. S. S. No. 2, Elma and Wallace boundary, on Monday afternoon, 22nd inst. All are welcome.

A tea meeting at Jubilee church, 12th con., on Tuesday evening, Dec. 23rd, at 5 p. m. Revs. Smith, Davis and others, with musical entertainment, will make up the program.

Some dissatisfaction is expressed over the 14th con. drain by several farmers whose lots are affected by it. They claim that the drain is fully 17 inches less in width in some places than the contract calls for.

Miss R. Inglis, 6th con., Elma, has been engaged to teach a school near Toronto for 1891, at a salary of \$325. She is at present attending the Ottawa Normal. We wish her unbounded success.

We are sorry to learn of the departure of Wm. Burnett from our township. He has leased his farm to Mr. Parr for a period of five years. We sincerely hope that prosperity may attend Mr. Burnett in his new home near Elora.

The entertainment and Christmas merry-go-round, to be held in the Methodist church on the evening of Dec. 24, in the interests of the Sabbath School, is expected to be a leading feature of the holiday season. A good program is being prepared. Don't miss it.

Township Council met at Graham's hotel, Atwood, on Monday last. The business of the year was wound up, it being the last meeting of the present Council. The contractor of the 14th con. drain was paid off, the drain being completed to the satisfaction of the Board.

On Thursday, 11th inst., a number of the ratepayers of the southern part of the township met in the school house, 16th con., and decided to bring out T. E. Hammond to contest the 2nd Deputy-Reeveship at the forthcoming municipal election. He should poll a big vote.

Municipal matters are being discussed in various parts of the township, particularly in the south, and a list of would be candidates names are mentioned. Many of the older and more calculating ratepayers seem to think, however, that the present Council should be re-elected.

On Tuesday morning of last week it was a surprise party to J. C. Heffernan to find that during the night some unknown party had put an auger hole in the side of his grain store and allowed a fair load of wheat to run into their possession. As a quantity of wheat was found on the ground, and the hole plugged, it would appear that the thieves were anxious to get to market before a decline in price took place. It is to be hoped some clue may be found and the guilty party be brought before a J. P. to receive their just reward.

Following is the relative standing of the pupils in S. S. No. 2, Elma, for the month of November. Fourth Class—Jae Thompson, Jennie Douglas, Edwin Forbes, Agnes Shearer. Senior Third—Charles Douglas, Tena Shearer, John Thompson, Mabel Turnbull. Junior Third—Mary Spahr, William Shearer, Ida Forbes, Jennie Cleland. Senior Second—Mary Shearer, Archie Aitchison, Edward Hamilton, Sarah A. Boyd. Junior Second—Hector Aitchison, Ellen Turnbull, Florence Cullen, Deatry Spahr. Part Second—Jean Aitchison.

Mornington.

Miss Farrell, of Poole, is visiting the Misses Edwards.

Miss Minnie Miller, of Waterloo, has returned home to spend her Christmas holidays.

On Friday afternoon, Dec. 19th, an examination will be held in S. S. No. 12. The parents of the section are cordially invited.

Charlie says he has visited quite a number of villages, but never struck such a beautiful village as Atwood. Charlie thinks a lot of the different industries, especially the pump factory, or rather those who own it.

Jim McCloy is busy hauling stones and lumber for the new dwelling house which he intends putting up next summer. You are making the right start now Jim, the only thing you want now is a helpmate. I wonder who the fortunate lady will be.

A large number of young folks assembled at Richard Wood's residence, Friday evening of last week, to spend a social time together. After enjoying a few hours of tripping the light fantastic supper was indulged in, at which everyone seemed to help themselves to their heart's content, after which the former amusement was resumed and kept up till the wee sma' hours, when all departed to their respective homes, highly pleased with the evening's entertainment.

Trowbridge.

Albin Witmer has again returned to Trowbridge looking hale and hearty.

Mrs. Baylis has been very poorly for the past few days we regret to state.

The Bible Society meeting held in the Methoist church last Wednesday, was well attended. A very interesting and instructive lecture was delivered by Rev. Mr. Fraser, Agent of the Bible Society.

Rev. H. A. Baylis, of Owen Sound, will preach in the Methodist church next Sabbath morning, and in the evening the annual missionary sermon will be preached by Rev. Mr. Torrence, of Gorrie. The public missionary meeting will be held on the Monday evening following.

Mr. Lawless, Grand Secretary of the I. O. G. T. made our lodge a visit Wednesday evening. Not often are we favored with such a distinguished gentleman. The temperance movement is fully alive here which is evident from the large membership.

SCCHOOL CONCERT.—The school concert, held here last Friday evening, was a grand success. The lengthy program was well carried out, the children performing their part admirably, which is a source of pleasure and satisfaction to both teacher and parents. Mr. Snell's efforts in the training of the little ones are indeed commendable. The kindergarten songs were especially good. One of the most pleasing features of the program was the presentation by the children of a beautiful plush collar and cuff box and Xmas card to their teacher, Mr. Snell, as a token of their appreciation of his services during the past year. Following is the address:

DEAR TEACHER:—We, a number of your pupils, take this opportunity to express in a tangible, practical manner, the very high estimation in which we hold you. We have been pleased and profited by the diligent, earnest and intelligent manner by which you have tried to lead us in the somewhat difficult and laborious path of knowledge. You have evidently felt a deep interest in our individual progress and success in the work of our education. We have, we fear, often tried your patience, but have been dealt with mercifully and kindly by you. We heartily thank you for the good example you have set before us in your daily life; and the good advice you have given us in regard to the higher education of our moral nature, our duty to God and to each other. Be pleased, therefore, beloved teacher, to accept of this cuff and collar case as an expression of our regard for you; we wish to convey to you our united desire for your future prosperity and happiness, and beg to assure you that your removal from our school is much regretted by us all. Signed on behalf of the school,

NETTIE DELVEA,
ETTIE CODE.

Trowbridge, Dec. 12.

Mr. Snell, although taken completely by surprise, made a very appropriate reply, in which he thanked the pupils for their tangible expression of their good-will toward him. He said he had endeavored to promote the interests of the school to the best of his ability. He requested the parents to drop in the school room occasionally and see for themselves. T. M. Wilson, of Atwood, delivered a stirring address on "Literature," closing his remarks with a humorous recitation, entitled, "Bairnes Cuddle Doon." Mr. Wilson masters the Scotch dialect very well. S. H. Harding, of Atwood, also gave a short talk on "Home study of the school lesson," which if acted upon would be productive of good results. A chorus, entitled "The jolliest girls alive," elicited hearty applause. Rev. Mr. Caswell gave an earnest and thoughtful address, calculated to inspire the youth to higher and nobler purposes in life. Mr. Callum filled the chair in his usual agreeable manner. He is the right man in the right place. We sincerely hope that our trustees will re-engage Mr. Snell for next year as we feel confident that a more efficient and faithful teacher cannot be obtained.

Poole.

Miss Grace Dewar is visiting her parents.

R. Burgmann returned from Michigan last week.

Miss Maggie Shearer is visiting friends in Bright.

The Shakespeare lodge of Good Templars visited the lodge in this place last Wednesday evening. A very choice program was furnished by the visiting lodge.

Monkton.

Alex. Chalmers, of Kincardine, is in the village this week. He has been engaged as our cheesemaker for next season.

John Gill, of Hepworth, is renewing friendships here in the home of his childhood. He is well respected in his adopted town where he is conducting a prosperous agency business.

People in this vicinity will surely get their fill of concerts in the coming holidays. Both Presbyterians and Methodists purpose holding entertainments in the near future, and are preparing for them now.

Wm. Harris, our skilful cheesemaker, has received a similar situation in a much larger factory in Brownsville, which is a bad job for our factory. We are sorry to lose Mr. Harris as he was a first class workman. However, we wish him well in his new home.

It appears that a certain man named Heller is dissatisfied with my account of "The early history and growth of Monkton," which appeared in THE BEE from time to time. Now, some of the events I recorded took place before Mr. Heller saw the light of day, and until about fifteen years ago he did not know there was such a place as Monkton. Is he then a fit person to criticise my accuracy? It was no part of my business to tell who were the first settlers on the 16th con. Elma as that is a distinct place from Monkton. True, I mentioned some who settled on that line, but I did so because they are now residing in Monkton. But Mr. Heller's ignorance is betrayed best of all in his mention of the grist mill, which he says was erected in this village in 1876. He would merit public thanks if he would kindly come to the village some night and direct the wondering citizens where they will find this mystical grist mill, which he says is in our midst, but which the oldest resident has never seen. In conclusion, I believe that if the "several errors" that Mr. Heller complains of were examined into they would retreat to their proper home—Mr. Heller's fertile imagination.

Grey.

Try THE BEE for 1891.

Robert Scott sold his farm of fifty acres to John Clark, of the 17th con., for the sum of \$2,100.

Donald Duncanson has returned from Seattle where he worked for about three years. Donald is a steady young man.

Revival services are in progress at Roe's church. The pastor, Rev. B. Sherlock, is conducting them.

Miss Mary McNair is re-engaged in her school in Stanley township for next year at a salary of \$280. This is an advance of \$30 and it speaks well for her abilities as a teacher.

Pat. Blake had a wood bee on Monday of last week. The boys cut and split a nice quantity of wood. A social hop was enjoyed in the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Blake know how to use bee hands.

Miss Ferrie, who has been giving good satisfaction in S. S. No. 9 during the past two years, has taken a school for 1891 in Hullet township, near Londesboro'. Miss Tumath, of Whitechurch, is engaged as in Miss Ferrie's place in S. S. No. 9.

H. Fowler is leaving S. S. No. 2 and will be attending the Toronto Normal next session. His place will be taken by Geo. McDermott, who has secured the school for 1891 at a salary of \$350. Mr. McDermott has had two years experience in teaching.

The public school exam. of S. S. No. 10 was held on Tuesday, Dec. 16th, which proved in every respect that the estimable teacher, Miss Maudson, has been doing earnest work during the past year. In the evening an entertainment was held, at which a good program was given. C. J. Wynn, of Newry, gave a splendid reading. Proceeds, \$15.

The following is the decision of Judge Boyd in the Machan vs. Grey township case:—Judgment in action tried at Stratford. Action to have a sale of certain land by the defendant Holmes, the Treasurer of the County of Huron, to the defendants the corporation of the township of Grey set aside. The defendants, the township of Grey, submitted to forego their purchase upon being paid the amount justly due to them in respect of the expenses, taxes and interest lawfully chargeable against the plaintiff in respect of the lands. Judgment directing that an account be taken by the registrar of the amount properly due by the plaintiff in respect of certain drainage awards, including interest and expenses, and that upon payment by the plaintiff to the defendant of the amount so to be ascertained, the action to be taxed, within one month after the entry of the judgment, the lands in question be vested in the plaintiff for all the estate of the defendants therein; but in default of the defendants being dismissed with costs.

Listowel.

The Listowel skating rink opened for the season on Friday night last. There was a large attendance of skaters, though the notice of opening was very short and numerous counter-attractions no doubt prevented many from attending.

The Oddfellows intend giving a charity concert about New Year's for the benefit of the poor of the town. A good program is in course of preparation. It is proposed to put the proceeds in the hands of a representative committee for distribution.

The fox hunters of this vicinity have been quite successful so far this season. R. R. Tremain has bagged three or four and Thos. Carter, of Elma, no less than seven. The latter got sight of a very dark silver gray fox whose fur is very valuable, but did not secure the prize.

The reduced number of sparrows during the past few months has been quite noticeable. Their absence from the back doors would indicate that our climatic conditions are adverse to their propagation in this latitude. The few now observed seem to be in a very enfeebled state.

Three car loads of potatoes were shipped from here last week by an American buyer. As a result the price has advanced about ten cents a bag. Potatoes are said to be as dear as oranges in some parts of the States, and the 25c. a tariff does not keep Canadian potatoes out of the American market.

About half past one on Tuesday morning of last week, the alarm sounded, when it was found that the marble fireman were on hand in good time and the hose attached to the hydrant and in a few minutes a good stream of water was being thrown on the building. The fire was confined to the marble shop occupied by Mr. Hunter as a laundry, was in great danger of catching fire. A quantity of the furniture, bedding, etc., was carried out but was taken back again when the firemen had the fire under control. The fire is supposed to have caught from the chimney, as the flames were first seen issuing from that part of the building, by our night watchman, Jas. Osborne. The building is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, in town. There was an insurance of \$300 on the marble and \$100 on the tools. The inspector was here on Wednesday of last week.

Brussel.

S. B. Smale is home from Ripley. Fourth Division Court on Saturday, 20th inst.

Mrs. Edmondston and Mr. Sparing, of Orillia, are visiting their brothers, Messrs. Truman and Marsden Smith.

J. J. Gilpin and Freddie wee away at Granton this week. Mr. Gilpin was looking after the interests of his farm near St. Marys.

Rev. R. Paul preached in Ethel last Sunday evening, and is to supply the pulpit of the Methodist church in Teeswater next Sabbath.

The Methodist Sunday School are to give the cantata, "Bells of Christmas," next Monday evening. A good attendance is expected. Silver collection.

Rev. Sellery, M. A., B. D., delivered a very impressive sermon last Sabbath morning at the memorial service of the late Mrs. Truman Smith. Text, Rev. 14:13.

Revs. Ross, Jones and Messrs. W. R. Wilson and T. Strachan attended the Maitland Presbytery at Wingham on Tuesday of last week. Leave has been granted Knox church, Brussels, to moderate in a call when they are ready.

Over 125,000 pounds of pork has been delivered on Brussels market in the past week. As high as 40,000 pounds came in one day last week. Every point of the compass was represented in the above transaction, some coming 14 miles with hogs.

Three sharpers are working a scheme to fleece the farmers of this county. The first two appear at the house and want to leave a piano that the farmer may display it to his friends. A representative of the company follows; he his children music, and if the farmer succeeds in selling five pianos he shall have one free. All he has to do is simply sign a contract that he has taken the piano on these conditions. The contract turns up in a day or two as an order in the hands of a third party and the farmer is browbeaten into taking the piano. It will be well for the farmers to look out for them.

Last Monday evening there was a business meeting in connection with the Y. P. C. A. of the Methodist church, the following officers were elected for the ensuing six months:—Honorary President, Rev. S. Sellery, B. D.; President, Geo. Rodgers; 1st Vice-President, D. Cavanagh; 2nd Vice-President, Miss Maggie McNaughton; Sec. Treas., Miss Lizzie Thompson; Executive Committee, Messrs. Lizzie Thompson, Messrs. B. Gerry, W. H. Kerr, Alex. Hood and Willie Maunders; Look-out Committee, Messrs. F. E. Kerr and B. Moore, and Messrs. W. Roddick and T. Hill. A new program is to be prepared by the Executive committee to come in to effect the 1st of January. This society is in a very flourishing condition and during the next six months

Henfryn.

Our shoemaker is doing a rushing business.

Joseph Gass, section foreman, has purchased a fine black colt.

George Longmire, of Atwood, was the guest of James Gass last Sunday.

James Gass is home from the Listowel High School with a severe attack of la grippe.

Mr. Kesso, of Wallace, is here locating his mill site, also looking up timber for the same. We bespeak for him a good trade.

Herbert Collins has been very sick for some time, but under the skilful treatment of Dr. Rice, of Atwood, he is improving.

The people in this place are looking for a big trade here in the way of wood this winter. At least 1,000 cords in all are expected to be delivered at the G. T. R. yards at Henfryn.

The September and October make of cheese at Silver Corners' cheese factory was shipped on Thursday, 11th inst. It realized nearly \$4,000, which ought to greatly help the patrons in meeting their obligations.

Stratford.

J. R. Kilburn, architect, died rather suddenly on Sunday Nov. 30th. He had been in indifferent health for some time past and took a trip to New York a few weeks since as a means of relaxation and for the purpose of recruiting his health. He seemed to feel that the outing had done him good, but on Thursday week a relapse came on and he was compelled to leave his office and go home. Medical aid being called in Mr. Kilburn was found to be suffering from pleuro pneumonia which terminated fatally as above stated.

At the meeting of the Stratford Public School Board on Tuesday evening, Dec. 9th, it was agreed to increase Principal Stuart's salary by \$100 making it \$1,000, and to increase Miss E. L. Walker's and Miss Greenly's salaries by \$25 each. The number of pupils on the roll last month was 1,493; average, 1,201. T. S. Byers, caretaker of Hamlet school had his salary increased to \$20 per month. Mr. Freeland's work in the schools as teacher of music, was highly commended all round. It was agreed to ask the council to have the town hall bell rung every morning at 8:45. A case of wood stealing at Palstaff school, was reported. The passing of a few small accounts closed the meeting.

The last Ontario Gazette contains the statutory notice that E. K. Barnsdale, James Barker, A. J. Clark, Jas. Dox, James Hodd, E. J. Kneith, J. P. Mabeck, W. Mowat, J. H. Mook, Jas. J. Stock, James Trow, Andrew Waddell, and F. Young intend to apply for a charter to incorporate the Standard Oil and Gas Company of Ontario, with a capital of \$1,000,000, divided into 100,000 shares of \$100 each. A prospectus will be issued by the promoters in a few days and will present the facts and indications that have led them to the conclusion that oil or gas, and in all probability both, can be found at or near Stratford. The financial resources of the company will enable it to make a thorough test of the matter.

Additional Local Items.

GUNTHER advertises a great clearing sale of \$6,000 worth of watches and jewelry in this issue. Mr. Gunther keeps the finest display of watches jewelry and silverware in Listowel.

MISSES IDA MCBAIN and Annie Gordon returned from the Mitchell Model on Thursday of last week. Both young ladies will remain in the village until New Year's, when they will enter upon their duties as school teachers.

REV. W. H. CLINE, B. A., B. D., of Toronto, is assisting in the Baptist church special services this week. Mr. Cline's visit amongst his old parishioners will doubtless prove one of great pleasure and profit. The services thus far have been well attended and under the blessing of God much good is being accomplished. Mr. Dack has been unavoidably prevented from attending the services every evening owing to several members of his family being laid up with diphtheria.

Huron County Notes.

The Gorrie Cheese Co. shipped their last cargo of cheese on Monday of last week.

J. C. Tuck has rented the Dames hotel, Cranbrook, for a number of years.

It is reported that Wm. Feirnes has sold the Royal Hotel, Walton, to some gentleman from Waterloo for the sum of \$3,000. It is a good stand. Mr. Jones, the present occupant, will complete his lease of the premises.

There may be noticed in the press of the day the striking off the roll of solicitor E. E. Wade, formerly of Goderich and Brussels. The proceedings were instituted by the solicitor for the Massey Manufacturing Co. of Toronto.

W. S. Swaffield, of Goderich township, has a relic of one of the saddest naval disasters which ever occurred in England. It is a piece of oak from the hull of the man-of-war Royal George, which went down in Portsmouth harbor a century ago with 800 souls on board. The wood is well preserved and is quite an