

LOCAL NEWS.

All the Current Events of Farmersville and Vicinity Correctly Reported.

To Farmers. Choice Western seed corn at A. Parish & Son's.

Equine Loss. David Eaton, of Lake Loyada, lost a valuable horse on Friday last.

New Loom. Gordon's loom arrived last week and is being fitted up ready for work.

Shedding. E. Gilroy is making preparations to erect two tenement houses, in rear of the model school.

Machinery. An immense iron turning lathe passed through the village on Wednesday last, consigned to Hancock Bros., of Delta.

Standard Time. The whistle at Middleton's planing mill will be blown at sharp 7 a.m., 12 noon and 6 p.m., each working day during the season.

Stavescent. Two prominent residents of Elbe Mills came near having a pugilistic encounter over the price of a pop bottle, the other day.

Agents and Correspondents. We want live agents and correspondents in all parts of the County. Let those who are willing to give us a helping hand send in their names and addresses.

Sample Copy. If you are not already a subscriber, send us a sample copy. Do you like our paper? If so send along a dollar for a year's subscription.

Picnic. A monster picnic will be held in Downey's grove at Phillipsville, in aid of the R. C. church of that parish, on Dominion day. As this is an annual event of great interest to members of that denomination in that section, it will undoubtedly be largely attended.

Methodist Church. The Rev. G. Rogers and D. Fisher are the delegates from Farmersville to the Montreal Conference, which assembled this year at Quebec. In the absence of the pastor, the service last Sunday morning was conducted by R. Arnold.

Stock Note. Mr. E. W. Folger, of Kingston, has sold his Holstein Bull "Champion of Loppuch" to Mr. Jessie Knowlton, of Newboro'. Mr. Knowlton is one of the most successful stock raisers in the State, and has long been known for the quality of stock in his vicinity.

Lecture. Of the evening of Thursday, the 3rd inst., the Rev. George Burnfield, M.A., B.D., will deliver a lecture, in aid of the funds of the Presbyterian cause in Farmersville. Subject: "Sages and People of Foreign Lands." The lecture will begin at 8 p.m. in the South Methodist Church.

English Church. There was a very large congregation at evening service in the English Church last Sunday. Instead of the usual sermon, the incumbent read an address to the members of the Church, appealing for aid towards carrying on the domestic mission work of the English Church. The address was a powerful and eloquent appeal on behalf of missions. The collection next Sunday evening will be in aid of this fund. Tomorrow (Thursday), being Ascension day, divine service will be held at 7 p.m.

It pays to make Good Cheese. Mr. Jno. Brower, a cheese buyer, at the Belleville Dairyman's Board of Trade, on Saturday last, stated that with each shipment of cheese made by him this season he would place to the credit of the party from whom the cheese was purchased an advance of 1 cent per pound on the price paid for the best lot, and 1-16 of a cent for the second lot.

The Assessment Roll. While in the Clerk's office looking for notes against the Court of Revision, we were allowed to inspect the Assessment Roll, as returned by Jas. K. Richmond, assessor. We must say that a neater got up Roll we have never seen. Not a single erasure or addition was discernible, excepting those ordered to be made by the Court of Revision, and from remarks made by parties in different parts of the township, we find that his appraisal has given almost universal satisfaction.

Dissolving Views. On the evening of the 24th ult., D. W. Campbell furnished a very interesting entertainment at the Wellington Methodist Church. The entertainment comprised a short descriptive lecture on the British metropolis, in which was condensed much information, followed by a large number of dissolving views of the public buildings and scenery in and about London, together with several Scotch and Irish views. A fair-sized audience attended, and all were well pleased with the entertainment. Should Mr. Campbell favor Farmersville with another visit we predict a large audience.

Strange Phenomenon. A few days ago our reporter visited the farm of Malcolm Halladay, the popular deputy reeve of this municipality, for the purpose of investigating a strange natural phenomenon. In a meadow we were shown what is indeed the result of some very flaccid cause. A piece of sod, shaped like half a disk, about nine feet in diameter, had been cleanly cut from the surrounding turf, and lifted or rolled about two feet from its original position, leaving no clue to the power which had effected the transfer. Mr. Halladay first noticed the phenomenon a few weeks ago, but can advance no theory to account for it. It is certain that no human agency was at work there, and the only

plausible explanation is that a stroke of lightning removed the sod, which is cut to a depth of nine inches; but there was no charring or killing of the grass, such as generally accompanies a lightning stroke. There is an air of mystery about this freak of nature which none who have visited the spot can explain away.

Our Driving Park. At the adjourned meeting of the shareholders of the Association, held on Thursday last, it was unanimously resolved to build a stable 30 x 60 feet, cost not to exceed \$300. Mr. Johnson has secured the services, as trainer and driver, of Robt. Smith, of Prescott (for the past ten years manager of J. P. Wiser's stables), whose duties would commence on Monday, the 31st inst. A. Armstrong, F. Pierce and J. P. Lamb were appointed a building committee, and Thos. Berney, B. Loverin and I. C. Alguire a committee to draw up and conclude an agreement with Harry Johnston, relative to the use of the grounds for the season.

Now that the arrangements for the season are complete, we believe to the satisfaction of all the shareholders, we trust that those interested in the driving park will do all they can to make the undertaking a success. With a good and careful trainer, good stable accommodation, and one of the best tracks in Canada, which under the supervision of Wilson Riley, an old and experienced track builder, has been thoroughly fitted up, there is no reason why our driving park should not be patronized by parties from a distance as well as by local owners of fast-horses. We understand that Mr. Johnston's terms for the use of the track, are extremely liberal, and will no doubt be taken advantage of by everyone having a horse likely to develop good speeding qualities.

Since writing the above, we learn that the following persons have made arrangements with Mr. Johnston for the training of the horses named: T. K. S. Ovi, "Nittletop"; R. B. Alguire, "Little Mac"; J. P. Lamb, "Lucille"; A. Stevens, "Hambletonian" colt; C. G. Alguire, "Ryslyk" colt; J. Boyd, "Proserpina"; Mayor Carson, "Barber B-y."

CURIOUS AND SENSATIONAL. A Big Fish or a Tough Story. It is stated in the daily papers of Friday last that a Salmon, fifteen feet in length, and weighing 200 lbs, has been caught at Longue Point. This is a long story, as well as a long point.

A Peculiar Bait. A Whitechurch resident spent a whole day last week in Lucknow looking for a wife. He was not particular as to whom he got, so long as it was somebody that could milk five cows each morning before seven o'clock. He found no takers.

Cut this Out and Keep it for Use. The cleaning of kerosene lamps is the dread of country housekeepers, as well as economical city ones. The following directions, if carefully followed, make this dreaded task much easier. Put a few drops of ammonia in the water in which the chimneys are cleaned, and the smoke and grease immediately disappear. It is very vexatious to keep the burners in running order. When they get clogged, and will not turn up or down, and are covered with soot or gum, do not throw them away, but take an iron kettle and put in a pint of wood ashes and a quart of water; put in the burners, and set them on the stove and let them boil 5 or 10 minutes; take them out and with a soft rag wash them clean and dry them well. They are then as good as new, and will last another six months.

A Georgia Mystery. Some men in Georgia while out hunting recently, near "Bloody Bluff," came on a house that seemed to have been built many years ago. Grass and weeds had grown up over the steps, as if no one had ever visited it. Looking in, to their surprise they saw cooking utensils, stove, bed, etc., tumbled up as if just left that morning. Everything seemed so mysterious that the party set about solving it. Five miles away a farmer was found who shed light upon the mystery. Two years before a man with a wife and three children took possession of the house. They would never give their names, their origin, nor their history. A few weeks after the neighbors were summoned to the burial of the wife. The next day the father and the three children disappeared, and have never been heard from since. He left the house in its present condition, and so great is the superstitious fear of it that it has never been disturbed.

A Strange Story. St. John's, Newfoundland, May 20. —St. George's Bay, on the west coast of Newfoundland, telegraphs the following extraordinary story: "A French vessel arrived here yesterday and landed Miss Louise Joumeaux, who was picked up from an open boat at sea about 20 miles off the Island of Jersey. The lady and a gentleman named Farne went boating on Sunday evening, the 18 April, after leaving church. While rowing her companion let one of his oars slip, and in attempting to recover it lost the other. Being a good swimmer he jumped overboard to recover the oars. The wind meantime was freshening and there was a strong current setting from the land. The boat fast drifted beyond his reach and he was compelled either to swim for the land or sink. Miss Joumeaux alone, in the boat drifted to sea. The boat almost filled with water and for forty hours she lived in solitary agony. At length she was rescued by the French vessel and kindly cared for. The violent offshore wind prevented the Frenchman from reaching Jersey and the lady was carried across the Atlantic to Newfoundland. Farne reached St. Helier's harbor safely, but his story was disbelieved. People from the shore affirmed that they heard cries of murder from sea, and Farne was arrested and indicted for homicide.

Municipal Council.

The Municipal Council of Rear Yonge and Escott met in the town hall, as a Court of Revision, on Friday last. Reeve Saunders in the chair. All the members present excepting Mr. Brown.

Four assessments were lowered, and 18 names of wage-earners and landholders' sons were put on the Roll. After the close of the Court of Revision, the Council took up ordinary business.

The sum of \$15 was granted on charity account, and \$16 to repair Foster's bridge and make some other necessary repairs.

By by-law, the commutation for road work in the village was raised from 50c. to 75c. per day, and the overseer was instructed to expend one-third the amount in repairing sidewalks.

I. C. and R. B. Alguire were granted permission to move fence out to line on Church street.

H. C. Phillips was appointed to act with Geo. Nash as commissioner to oversee work on streets and sidewalks in the village.

On motion, \$15 was granted to build culvert on Victoria st., opposite W. H. Jacob's shop.

The Railway.

The Directors of the Brockville, Westport and Sault Ste. Marie Railway met at Brockville on Monday last, when a resolution was passed formally locating the line from Farmersville to Westport. The location of the line from here to Brockville was held in abeyance until after the vote on the bonus by-law in the front of Elizabethtown. A large number of tenders have been put in, and it is generally understood that the tender of D. J. McDonald, of Ottawa, for grading the whole line, is the lowest.

The War Cry intimates that "the devil has made a fool of himself at Elora."

In British Columbia eight jurors try civil cases, and a six-eight verdict is accepted.

The St. Thomas Council has refused the request of a Scot. Act deputation to have a special officer appointed to carry out the Act.

On a recent Sunday morning, the bronze statue of Edmund Burke, in front of Trinity College, Dublin, was discovered to have been painted red during the night.

The Bill passed by the British Columbia Legislature, restricting Chinese immigration, has been disallowed by the Dominion Government.

It is stated that copies of speeches of Tory members of Parliament are being printed wholesale at the Mail office, and are paid for by the Government as immigration literature.

As intimated in last week's "Independent," the subscription list of that paper from the County of Leeds has been transferred to us, and all subscribers in arrears will pay the same to us. From the date of this paper the REPORTER will be supplied to Leeds County subscribers, in lieu of the "Independent."

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES & DEATHS. Notices under this head inserted free of cost.

DEATH. THORP.—At the residence of her uncle, Hiram Holmes, Farmersville, on Monday evening, May 31st, Luella Hunter, wife of W. R. Thorp, in the 31st year of her age.

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Modern Progress.

Let the studious mind look back one hundred years and see the improvements in the methods of work, and the rapid progress of the century in the mechanical arts will be apparent. In 1793 Eli Whitney, a mere lad in obscure circumstances, was led to the idea of inventing the cotton gin, a machine for picking the cotton from the seed. For some time he labored with but little success, but being of a determined turn of mind he eventually mastered it. The result, as we all know, was to make cotton king and to create a great source of wealth to the United States. Again, Fulton's application of steam to navigation, in 1807, deserves special mention as one of the greatest inventions of the age; and although the first steam boat went up the Hudson at the rapid rate of four miles an hour, yet in those days it was a good model, and had many points of excellence still cling to by our modern ship builders. Morse's invention of the electric telegraph (1835), although improved upon from time to time, was certainly a mark of great progress. While the inhalation of ether, as a preventative of pain, introduced by modern Wills and Jackson, was not of so much importance to the commercial world, yet it can well and truly be called the greatest boon ever conferred by science upon the human race. But perhaps no invention of the present century has produced such wide-spread social and business changes as that of steam locomotion. While the electric light, the telephone, the phonograph and the microphone can truly be termed the four new wonders of the world, there are many other inventions of note that could be spoken of. But what are all these compared with the new Davis Vertical-feed Sewing Machine? This new machine entirely dispenses with the old under-feed, and consequently entirely obviates the necessity of basting. It has a less number of working parts, and is therefore the easiest running and most durable. It is fine in appearance, and for range of work, in light or heavy goods, we boldly defy competition. J. L. GALLAGHER, agent.

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