

COUNTY CURRENCY.

Newsletters from Correspondents and Items from Other Sources.

A Weekly Digest of the County News Service as sent Readers of "The Signal," Fifth and Point, Clipped and Condensed from Every Section.

DUNLOP.

From our own correspondent. Among our juvenile friends here we regret to notice the departure of Miss Ella Healy who has resided here for nearly the past two years, in Detroit, this week to make her home in Detroit.

NILE.

From our own correspondent. Our farmers are shipping and have shipped a large amount of fall and winter apples.

COLBORNE.

From our own correspondent. Colborne branch Agricultural show will be held at Carlow on Tuesday next, Oct. 16th, and should the weather be propitious, bid fair to be very successful.

DUNGANNON.

From our own correspondent. On Tuesday night Jack Frost made his appearance in pretty severe terms.

We are sorry to state that the Rev D G Cameron is suffering from an affection of the throat, brought on by means of cold. We hope he will soon recover.

Quite a number of our citizens took advantage of seeing the big exhibition at Goderich, and expressed themselves well pleased with the different exhibits.

The Council visited Port Albert on official business and had an opportunity of seeing the improvements put on the harbor during this season, and consider the breakwater and spilling substantial and neat.

Mrs Vaughan, formerly a resident of this locality, and now of Dakota, is visiting her parents, Mr and Mrs Wm Milligan, and friends, and former associates of this vicinity. She seems to be pleased with her adopted home in Uncle Sam's domain.

The Revs W F Campbell and D G Cameron exchanged pulpits on last Sabbath. It is pleasing and also worthy of note that Christian fellowship among the different sections of the churches is becoming more and more widespread than hitherto.

Our village is still further improving in appearance. What with liberal applications of paint, and extended substantial sidewalks it begins to assume a city-like appearance. The next in order will be a railroad, fire-engine, increased accommodation in the post-office, and other minor requirements.

The apple crop in this and surrounding locality is abundant, the being an immense quantity shipped at different points. It would seem that Providence has liberally and bountifully made up the deficiency of the crop of fall wheat in the abundant supply of potatoes and apples.

Since our last death has been in our midst and taken its victim. Mrs Davidson, relict of the late John Davidson, of West Wawanosh, after a short illness, died on Wednesday last, and was interred on Friday in the Dunganston cemetery. Her funeral was not large, and to having died unexpectedly, and the event not being widely circulated. Rev W F Campbell, of the Methodist church here, conducted the funeral service in a very impressive manner, taking as his subject the parable of the two Virgins.

ASHFIELD.

ASHFIELD COUNCIL.—Council met pursuant to adjournment, Sept. 17 1888. All members present. Minutes of previous meeting read and signed. The collector was instructed to have all taxes collected and paid over to the Treasurer by 31st of December. The clerk was ordered to write Thos. Penland, Secy of Pontland, Thos. O'Reilly and George Drennan to move off obstructions to the public highway. Decided that Colborne street from Ashfield street to Harvey street, be opened up to its full width, and that a by-law be made to confirm the same. Moved by McKenzie, second by Stothers that the clerk prepare a by-law confirming the decision of the arbitrators in reference to the new school section. Accounts paid—Mrs Overfield, charity \$10; D. McDonald for gravelling and stoning \$4; D. McKay, for grading \$10; Jas. Sennott repairing culvert, \$9; G. Hall, for culvert, \$2; J. Quinn for repairing culvert, \$1.50; T. Clair repairing culvert, \$1.05; J. Murphy, gravelling, plank and culvert, \$9; J. Spindler for repairing road, \$1.50; E. McInnis, repairing gravel pit \$8, gravelling \$6, culvert \$2.50; repairing culvert and under drain \$3.37; culvert \$12.25; repairing culvert \$6.50; D. McKee, repairing culvert \$2; inspecting gravelling \$1; T. Looch for balance of gravelling \$17, and gravelling \$3; P. McIntyre repairing culvert, \$1.50; D. McIntyre, inspecting gravelling \$1.50; K. McIvor, gravelling \$10; A. Johnston, grading, gravelling and culvert, \$28; D. McGregor for gravel \$4; T. Looch gravelling \$3; J. Webster repairing bridge \$2.50; Mrs Glenn for gravel \$13.00; J. McWhinney repairing road \$2; J. Tigat, repairing road \$1; Ed. Hannah, work on Dunganston hill \$30 (part pay); T. Glenn gravelling \$30; J. McWhinney gravelling \$2.18; T. Glenn clearing of gravel pit, \$40; G. Westbrook repairing Hannah's hill \$1.50; \$50 was paid for material for house for John of John McInnis. The Council met again on 15th day of November.

WEST HURON INSTITUTE.

What Was Said and Done by the Assembled Teachers.

A well represented meeting of the West Huron Teachers' Association, met at the Town of Goderich on Thursday and Friday, Sept. 27th and 28th. Below are the minutes of the meeting describing the different business transacted.

The West Huron Teachers' Association met in the Model School, at 11 a.m. The president in the chair. Owing to the small attendance, the only business transacted was the appointment of the following committees, viz:—Order of business, Messrs Delgaty, Murch and Miss B. Sharnan; resolution com. Messrs A. Embury, G. Sheppard, and T. Elliott.

Auditors, Messrs W S Lawrence and J T Wren. On motion of Mr T Murch, seconded by Mr G Sheppard, the Association adjourned at 1.30 p.m.

On re-assembling at 1.30 p.m., minutes of last session at Exeter, and the morning session were read and confirmed.

Moved by Mr Brown, seconded by Mr Delgaty, that Messrs Kilty and Nevin be appointed a committee to assist the Secretary in preparing a report of the proceedings of the Association for the present year.

The roll was then called by Inspector Tom and 62 teachers answered to their names.

The business committee then reported that owing to the fact that Dr McLellan has to leave early in the morning, it is deemed advisable to allow him the whole afternoon for the discussion of his subjects. This was agreed to, and the Dr then took up the subject of Psychology, and its relation to teaching, dealing particularly with the law materials of intellectual development under three heads viz: sensation, interest and impulse, showing that these in their order form the base of intellect, emotion and will. The lecture was well conducted in the conversational style, was full of terse and pointed remarks, and was highly appreciated by the teachers.

The President then gave his address on "The teacher as a public servant." The address was carefully prepared and dealt chiefly with the following statements, viz:—

1st.—The teacher is a more efficient other than any other public servant.

2nd.—His work is important as the life of a nation depends upon its intelligence, as obedience to laws is carefully inculcated.

3rd.—The teacher's tenure of office, especially in rural districts, is too insecure, and the present law regarding superannuation very unsatisfactory.

The address was listened to very attentively and well received.

The Secretary then drew attention to the lectures and entertainment, to be given in the opera house in the evening, and the following committees were appointed to carry out the arrangements Messrs H I Strang and Alton to sell tickets at the door.

Messrs Sheppard and Elliott to collect tickets. Messrs Allin, Green and Stalker to act as ushers.

Dr McLellan then took up phonic reading. This subject proved very instructive, and was very fully discussed, all the teachers being very anxious to pursue the best methods of getting the young pupils to recognise in the quickest time sound signs. This being recognized one as of the most difficult things in school work considerable cross-fringing was indulged in, and no doubt much good will result from the discussion. At 5.30 p.m. the association adjourned to meet in the evening at the appointed hour, and in the morning at 8.30 a.m.

The evening session of the institute was held in the Grand Opera House. Dr McLellan delivered a lecture on "English Literature and its value in education." Among the many grand and inspiring thoughts that the Dr gave expression to, we have only space to mention a few. Literature was defined as a perfect expression of a perfect human mind, and the English literature was the grandest literature of the grandest people in the world. That no education was worthy of the name that did not cultivate the sympathetic part of man as well as the intellectual. That we are living in a fast age when there seemed to be too much of a tendency to read trashy and sensational novels, instead of cultivating a closer acquaintance with such immortals as Milton, Shakespeare, Byron and Tennyson. Teachers were particularly urged to do anything like mechanical teaching of the subject, which if properly taught was calculated to stir up and create in every mind a love for the grand and sublime. There should be more memorizing of the beautiful gems to be found plentifully among our own more ordinary authors. That teachers were too apt to complain of the recognized standing of the profession, and that they should remember that the profession would never rise higher than the individuals composing it. The lecture was very instructive and inspiring, and was highly appreciated by the teachers. In addition to the lecture a splendid musical program consisting of duets, solos, &c, was carried out under the able superintendence of Mr S. P. Halls B. A.

In addition to the President who occupied the chair, the following gentlemen by special invitation occupied seats on the platform, and made short addresses viz, Inspector Tom, Messrs H. I. Strang B. A. and A. Embury.

The attendance was good considering the unfavorable state of the weather. Votes of thanks to Dr McLellan and Mr Halls and those who assisted them were heartily given.

The singing of the National Anthem closed a very successful entertainment.

SEPTEMBER 28th, 1888.

The association met in the Model School pursuant to adjournment, the president in the chair.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mr Embury.

The secretary then read the minutes of yesterday afternoon and evening sessions, which on motion of Mr A. D. seconded by Mr W S Lawrence were adopted.

The Business Committee then reported the order of the business of the day, to be the subject of the program to be following order viz—Nov 11 3 6 14 12, 10 and 6 which was agreed to.

On motion of G W Holman, seconded by Mr J Delgaty, it was decided to adjourn at 12 o'clock noon, to meet again at 1.15 p.m., and to adjourn at 3 p.m.

G. W. Holman then gave a verbal report of the proceedings of the last P. T. Association to which he was the appointed delegate. After giving a report of the matter discussed, he proceeded to give his impressions to these various topics. On the whole he reported that in his estimation the association was improving in the direction of usefulness.

Moved by Mr A. Embury, seconded by P. J. Nevin, that the report of the delegate to the Provincial Association be adopted and his expenses be paid. Carried.

The roll was then called and 69 teachers answered to their names.

The election of officers was proceeded with and results in language viz, President, A. Embury; Vice-President, Miss M G Robertson; Sec-Treas., G W Holman; Executive Committee, Messrs H I Strang, R E Brown, Thos. Gregory, and Misses Murray and Hals.

Mr Delgaty introduced the subject of Arithmetic in Public Schools. He strongly advocated the principle teaching instead of rules. Too much attention is frequently paid to rules and not enough to principles. He held that arithmetic should be taught in the morning and from black-board not from the book.

The discussion became general, some talking grammar and composition, and others confining their remarks to arithmetic.

The following took part in the discussion:—Messrs Kilty, Johnston, Embury, Strang, Nevin, Brown and Inspector Tom.

Most of whom agreed in the main with what Mr Delgaty had said upon the subject of arithmetic.

Mr Strang thought that arithmetic was generally made too prominent a subject in our schools, that it was rather overrated and not sufficiently practical. In teaching composition, Mr Strang thought it better to have good deal of oral drill, that the giving of abstract subjects to young pupils to write a composition upon, should be avoided. His reproduction of the same thought in as many different ways as possible would produce the best results. His method of rote work should be avoided as much as possible in grammar, and the memorizing of cumbersome definitions was a serious error in teaching this subject. The discussion on this theme was then concluded, and Mr H. I. Strang, M.A., recently appointed as a missionary to China, preached his rare well sermon here last Sunday; his rare prevented a large turnout of the congregation. He has been preaching here at times for the past six months. With the aid of a chart he pointed out the vast Chinese empire where his field of labor was before him for the next ten years. In closing, he spoke of the early years of his life and his educational course in Goderich. In life what had seemed to him to be the darkest clouds before him had at the eleventh hour broken into a brightness for his future, so that today one of the wishes of his life to be chosen as a missionary had been answered by the Higher Power. During the service Heber's well-known missionary hymn was sung, and seven voices of the choir sang "Heralds of Zion," and the closing hymn "Gather ye Christians Soldiers," ended the last service. That day preached here. But eight years ago when from this church he preached his first sermon he was entering the early years of his manhood, and now in the flower of life, full of strength, with a determined will, he has returned to his spirit goes forth to a far off land to teach God's ways and point the heathen to a brighter and happier home above. We hope his labors may gain many sheaves for his Master's garner. After the service he solicited the patronage of the ladies, and guarantee first-class work at reasonable rates. 71-1m.

On re-assembling at 1.15 p.m. the minutes of the previous session were read and adopted.

Mr R. E. Brown introduced a discussion on "Religious Exercise and Good Masters." The discussion was further carried on by Messrs. Duff, Tom, J. Grant, Embury and Strang. The general opinion prevailing among those who took part in the discussion, that too much responsibility is thrown upon the teacher in this respect, and that where a lack of moral training was manifest, the home influence and general surroundings were in a great measure responsible. Still it was the duty of the teachers to exercise all due vigilance in this respect, and as far as possible check all improprieties in speech or action.

Mr C. Seager, Mayor of the town of Goderich, being present, was invited to address the teachers. Mr Seager, in a neat speech, expressed his sympathy with the teachers in their view in thus assembling together for their mutual benefit and also with a view of improving the means of education, and concluded by inviting the teachers of the neighboring municipalities to bring their pupils on a given day to join with the children of Goderich in visiting the fair during the coming week.

The Inspector called the roll and 70 teachers answered to their names.

The auditors presented their report which was as follows:—We, the undersigned auditors beg leave to report that we have audited the Treasurer's books and compared the expenditures with the vouchers held, and find the same to be correct.

J. T. Wren, Auditors.

On motion of Mr R E Brown, seconded by Mr H I Strang, B. A., the auditors' report was received and adopted.

Mr Embury introduced the discussion on School Management and Discipline, dealing more particularly with the requisite qualifications of a successful teacher. He said that such a teacher should possess, first in the management of not only the school as a whole but in order to deal with individual pupils, for all pupils did not require the application of the same principles of discipline. A properly qualified teacher should also be a person of culture, have a large amount of sympathy and needed constant preparation.

Mr J P Nevin, in continuing the discussion dealt chiefly with the organization and order of schools. He held that in rural sized schools more difficulties presented themselves than could possibly appear in graded schools in cities and towns; by a judicious application of the principles laid down by the previous speaker these difficulties could be overcome. The time of adjournment having arrived the discussion on this subject was closed.

Inspector Tom then addressed the teachers for a few moments urging upon them the necessity of making their half-yearly returns promptly as the law authorized him to deprive any school of its grant should the half yearly report be delayed beyond 15 days from the close of the school term.

On motion of G W Holman, seconded by S P Halls, B. A., votes of thanks were tendered to all the retiring officers. A unanimous vote of thanks was tendered to the Public School Board of Gode-

rich for their kindness in permitting the association the use of the model school building, on motion of Mr Halls, seconded by Inspector Tom.

On motion of H I Strang, B. A., seconded by S P Halls, B. A., the association adjourned to meet at call of the executive.

LEEBURN.

From our own correspondent. Mr Jas. Horton has returned to his old home, Leeburn, after an absence of sixteen months at Sault Ste. Marie.

The young folks in our midst enjoyed a social dance and a genial time at Jas. Kennedy's on Tuesday night of last week.

Mrs Thos. Thompson, one of the earliest settlers on Commercial Road, but now of Goderich, was the guest of Mr Henderson last week.

Miss Mary MacManus has undertaken the class formerly taught by Miss McQuarrie in the Sunday school.

The rough weather of last week brought forth the big overcoats and lots of underwear into use again.

The recent arrival of a little stranger in our burgh prevents him becoming some day the president of the United States, but does not debar him of the honor of becoming Premier of Ontario of the Dominion, if he enters the political arena.

The big fall show at Goderich last week drew forth a large number of our residents to see it. Besides this, those who entered the lists as competitors carried away some of the bright red tickets.

Wednesday morning the housewives who were late with their washing this week had to break about half an inch of ice before they could obtain the cleansing fluid from the rain water barrels. It's always best to take time by the forelock, so far as wash-day is concerned.

A number of the members of the congregation of Leeburn church attended the farewell meeting in Knox church on Tuesday evening to bid good-bye to Rev Donald McGillivray. They didn't come empty handed either, but brought with them a snug donation to help defray his expenses to the far East.

PERSONAL.—Mrs Grummett, with her two children, John and Fred, Horton, were in Hullett last week, the guest of Mr and Mrs John Rippon who entertained a number of relatives and friends to a social gathering at their home in memory of their wedding day.

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