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Country Talk.

Grey.

Miss Annie Smith is home from a visit of several weeks with friends in London. Her health is somewhat improved.

John McLachlan, 12th con., will erect a brick residence this year. Jno. Pugh, of Brussels, has the contract.

James Smith, who is in the employ of the Ogilvie Milling Company, of Montreal, was enjoying a holiday visit with relatives in this township last week. Mr. Smith has a good position.

John McDougall, eldest son of John McDougall, 8th con., was married on the 8th ult. at Bowmanville, to Miss Etta Golwilt, by Rev. Magee Pratt. Mr. McDougall holds a position in the Dominion Organ Co's factory in Bowmanville, where he has been for the past six years. The many relatives and friends of the groom in this locality are a unit in wishing them long years of prosperity.

Friday, April 17th, the veteran horseman, Lachlan McNeil, well known to many in this section, brought home a splendid imported Clydesdale stallion from Toronto. His name is "Macfarlane's Hero," No. 8002, Vol. XII. He was imported by John Raiston last fall and sold to Thos. Mengher, from whom Mr. McNeil purchased him at a high figure. The horse is a light brown, with white face, hind legs and off fore foot white; is four years old and weighs 1,550 pounds.

Stratford.

Rt. Rev. Dr. Sullivan, Lord Bishop of Algoma diocese, will visit Stratford on Sunday next, preaching in St. James church at the 11 o'clock service.

James Grieve, M. P., and Thomas Magwood, M. P., left together on the 3:50 train on Monday afternoon, one for Ottawa, the other for Toronto.

A branch of the Emerald Beneficial Association was organized on Monday night in the C. M. B. A. hall by Wm. Jamison, grand organizer, of Hamilton.

The number of prisoners committed to Stratford jail for the year ending September 30, 1890, was 122, or a decrease of 28 over previous year. The greatest number confined at one time was 20. The total cost of maintaining the goal was \$2,507.08. The Government inspector reported that he found the goal in perfect order.

SPRING SHOW.—While the entries were not as numerous as in former years, the class of horses shown at the spring fair on Friday April 17, was a very good reward for the indefatigable exertions of Secretary Scott and others to encourage the breeding of better stock in Perth. The day was fine and there was a large attendance of visitors from the surrounding country. Messrs. E. A. Walker, of Ayr, and Francis Clare of Otterville, acted as judges and gave satisfaction. Following is the prize list: Heavy Draught Clydesdale, aged—1st, "Gordon," John Busch & Co. Fullarton; 2nd, "Gay Lad," Jno. Jacobs, Fullarton. Three year old Clydesdale—1st, "Scottish King," E. Dingman, Zorra; 2nd, "McHardy," D. McFarlane, Shakespeare. Canadian Draught, aged—1st, "Decidee," Mark Kelly, Ellice; 2nd, "Bangup," W. Steele, Stratford. General purpose horse, aged—1st, "Young Decidee," Chris. Werner, Ellice; 2nd, "Knight of Annandale," John Nichol, N. Easthope. General Purpose, 3 years old—1st, "Norman," Henry Kuhne, Carriage, aged—1st, "Mambrino Star," W. Dunseith, St. Marys; 2nd, "Chicago Volunteer," Samuel McKay, Downie. Carriage, 3 years old—1st, "Mambrino Spangle," James McFarlane, Downie. Roadster, standard bred—1st, "Thornwood," Ford & Murphy, Mitchell; 2nd, "Omas," J. W. Cathcart, St. Marys. Roadster, aged—1st, "Abdallah," Walsh Bros. Stratford; 2nd, "Grand Sentinel, jr.," Robert Thompson, Shakespeare. Roadster, 3 years old—1st, "Rosewood," W. P. Kerr, Mitchell; 2nd, "Prince Victor," D. O'Connor, Stratford. Thorough bred Blood Horse—1st, "Dandie Dinmont," W. H. Millman, Woodstock.

Poole.

Henry Engel, of Hanover, is visiting his parents this week.

Robert Fleming's house took fire on Sunday morning last, but was extinguished before doing any serious damage.

W. Weir, of Milverton, conducted the sale of John Engel's household furniture on Tuesday. Mr. Engel purposes moving to Milverton.

What might have proved a serious affair happened to Rev. Mr. Kay, of Milverton, as he was returning on Sunday evening from his Wellesley appointment. His buggy broke down, throwing Mr. Kay and Mr. Merklinger, who was riding with him, to the ground. The horse, a valuable animal belonging to Mr. Kay, took fright and started for Milverton, leaving a part of the vehicle and its occupants on the road. The horse was captured, however, before reaching Milverton. Mr. Kay had his hand cut and bruised but beyond that neither of the gentlemen felt much worse for their mishap.

Brussels.

T. Hall is on the sick list.

D. Hayden is laid up with a sprained foot.

Mrs. Wat. Ainlay is visiting in Listowel.

Rev. R. Paul preached in Palmerston last Sabbath.

Geo. Love, sr., of Harriston, was in town Tuesday.

Tom. Calbeck, of New Westminster, B. C., is in town.

Mrs. (Rev.) Sellery is visiting in Kindacine this week.

Lawyer Taylor is confined to the house with sciatica.

J. A. Creighton was home from Palmerston for Sunday.

Rev. W. E. Kerr, of Durham, is visiting his parents this week.

Mrs. Wm. Vanstone and Miss Addie spent Sunday in Wingham.

J. Seli was away at Lucan last week attending his mother's funeral.

Andrew McKay is getting ready to erect a dwelling on Thomas street.

W. H. McCracken sold a car load of potatoes last week to American buyers.

D. Lowery has a large force at work on the foundation of the new American hotel.

Miss Addie Vanstone has gone to St. Louis, Ill., to spend the summer with relatives.

Miss Mary Olliver went to Toronto last week, where she will remain for a few months.

Mrs. J. Alexander, of Toronto, was in town Tuesday attending the funeral of the late Mrs. S. Burgess.

D. C. Roberts and family moved to Wingham this week, where he has secured a good position.

Miss Annie Rivers who has been sick for some time with inflammation of the lungs is able to be up again.

E. R. Grundy disposed of his windmill to Joseph Clegg, the well-known cattle dealer of Morris township.

\$219 per annum was the price agreed upon by the council for the use of the five electric lights now on the streets.

The Orangemen of this locality are booming the celebration of July 13th in Brussels. A big turn-out is expected.

Geo. Thomson, grocer, has the material on hand for a brick storehouse, 20x30 feet, to be built to the rear of his store.

W. H. Kerr supplied the pulpit of the Methodist church in Gorrie last Sunday owing to the illness of the pastor, Rev. Wm. Torrance.

Neil Richardson has leased the stone building opposite the Town Hall and will utilize it for an agricultural implement emporium.

Great sport is being enjoyed at the mill dam these days, fishing for suckers. They have been caught in abundance, as many as 24 secured in one haul of a net.

The fall wheat has not wintered better in this vicinity for many years. Should the present weather not prove fatal, the prospects are favorable for a fine crop.

Monthly gospel temperance meetings will be held in the Town Hall, Brussels, commencing on Sunday evening, May 10th, under the auspices of the Royal Templars of Temperance.

Messrs. Stewart & Lowick have with in the past few weeks, shipped 20 cars of wheat, 10 cars of oats, 4 cars of flour and 3 cars of barley from Brussels station to various points in the east.

Sabbath evening, April 19, the organ was used for the first time in connection with public worship in Melville church. It is needless to say, perhaps, that the roof is still on the building.

John Hewitt, tonsorial artist, has a fine large owl on exhibition in his shop window. The bird measures five feet from tip to tip and was shot by Adam Zimmer, of Cranbrook. It was stuffed by R. Johnson, of Brussels.

J. Somerset has disposed of a half acre of land, immediately south of the Town Hall, to Postmaster Farrow for the sum of \$350. A brick residence will be erected on the property next year, it is said. It is a good site.

Wednesday evening, April 22nd, Rev. S. Sellery, B. D., tied the matrimonial bow between Daniel Denman and Miss Alice L. Denbow, both of Brussels. The ceremony took place at the parsonage. Miss Emma Denbow and Samuel Carter supported the bride and groom.

The dwelling belonging to Geo. Carr, farmer, one mile from Brussels, caught fire last Monday afternoon, 27th ult. The house is a total loss, but part of the furniture was saved. Loss about \$600; insured for \$300, with \$100 on furniture. The house caught fire from sparks out of the chimney.

Turnberry.

May—balmy May.

To-day (Friday) is Arbor day and should be observed by all in decorating their farms with shade and ornamental trees.

Owing to the favorable weather seeding is progressing rapidly, and ere long will be finished and Nature will then have full sway in producing a bountiful harvest.

One night last week some evil disposed person broke the handles of a plow belonging to R. Anderson. A few grains of shot in the seat of his pants would have been an excellent lesson to him for his mischief.

SPRING—IN MAY.

April now has come and gone,

On us dawns the glad May morn,

Pealeth forth the robin's note,

From his rich and ruddy throat.

O'er the hill and valley sounds,

The youthful rustic's favorite song;

Sings the birds among the boughs,

While the youth his furrow ploughs.

On the hillock skips the lamb,

While the boys along the dam,

On the grassy banks recline,

Catching fish with hook and line.

Soon the bee will hum with glee,

As he flies from tree to tree,

Sipping from their blossoms sweet,

Honey, honey, honey sweet.

Nature soon shall clothe the field,

And the earth her verdure yield,

While the milkmaid's song is heard,

As she calls the lowing herd.

Elma.

Silver Corners cheese factory commences operations on Monday, May 4th.

J. Phillips, who has been laid up with inflammation for some time past, is able to be around again.

Jas. Porterfield's splendid brick residence has been greatly improved in appearance by a coat of paint. The work was done by W. Marshall, of Atwood.

George Hume, 8th con., has a sheep which weighs 240 pounds. This is considered an unusual weight, 150 pounds being the average weight of a good sheep.

The school house, of U. S. S. No. 2, is undergoing much needed repairs. A new fence will be built and the yard drained and levelled. This is a step in the right direction.

At the Council meeting last Saturday quite a lively time ensued over the 14th con. drain by-law. Some of the interested parties claimed that their assessment was out of keeping with the possible benefits they would derive from the drain when completed. The Council did not adjourn until quite late in the evening.

At the Jubilee church, 12th con., a meeting was held last week to re-organize the S. S. for the summer months. On nomination Joseph Blatchford was appointed Superintendent, S. Wherry Assistant Superintendent, and William Lucas, Sec.-Treas. A larger number of S. S. papers is to be taken and it is expected that the school will be flourishing in a few weeks, when the fine weather and good roads return.

DIED.—On Saturday, April 25th, Albert Thompson died at his home, near Trowbridge, aged 35 years. Deceased was a son of John Thompson, 1st con., and was a young man of much promise, but was attacked last fall by that dread disease, consumption, to which he finally succumbed. His wife died of the same disease about 13 months ago. Rev. Mr. Henderson made frequent visits during deceased's illness, and it is a consolation to his friends to know that he died in the conscious hope of a happy future. The funeral took place on Monday and was largely attended.

Listowel.

W. Sutherland, of London, spent Sunday in town.

C. Taylor left on Wednesday for Toronto, where he has secured a situation.

J. Purcell, who left town a few weeks ago for Montana, has returned owing to illness.

The Bachelors' Ball, which was held in the town hall on Tuesday evening, was well attended.

Rev. J. Ortwein, who leaves shortly for Ottawa, will be succeeded by Rev. C. Bolander, of Port Elgin.

Inland Revenue Inspector, A. Caven, of Stratford, and his son James, of Palmerston, were in town last week.

The High School foot ball team are now practising regularly and we may expect the boys to do some excellent work this season.

A number of Listowel Oddfellows drove to Palmerston on Sunday to listen to an eloquent sermon preached to the Order by Rev. Mr. Cameron, of Harriston.

Owing to poor train connections the Right Rev. Lord Bishop Sullivan, of Algoma, who was to speak on Foreign Missions in Christ church last Monday evening, was unable to attend.

The committee appointed by the Athletic Association, for the securing of funds have met with fair success, and if our citizens continue to patronize it we no doubt will have plenty of amusement and recreation during the warm months.

Mr. Roll is rebuilding the rear part of the Central. He intends to erect a building with a bar and dining room and later on to erect the front part. It is also fitting up the Arlington with all modern conveniences and will occupy it in a short time.

Remember the entertainment in the Town Hall on Friday May 8th, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid and Young People's Societies. The Ladies Aid will act "The district school," and the young people will delight the audience with plenty of vocal and instrumental music.

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