

**North Perth Farmers' Institute.**  
ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING AT LISTOWEL.  
—THE GRAIN TESTER EXPERIMENT SATISFACTORY.

The annual meeting of the Farmers' Institute of North Perth was held in the town hall, Listowel, March 22nd, and was fairly well attended by agriculturists from Elma, Wallace and Mornington, and a number of citizens of Listowel were also present. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, James Dickson, Donaghy; Vice-President, Wm. Burnett, Elma; Directors—for Elma, S. S. Rothwell and Wm. Dickson; Wallace, Alex. Kennedy, G. V. Poole and G. Little; Mornington, H. Doering, H. Freeborn and Jas. Grieve; N. Easthope, J. McMillan, J. Fisher and W. Hyde; Ellice, Messrs. Pierson, Sheiling and O'Brien; Stratford, J. Idington, S. S. Fuller and D. D. Hay; Milverton, D. Pugh; Listowel, D. D. Campbell, T. H. Rolls, W. L. Kells. W. Keith was elected Sec. Treas. The advisability of holding a picnic during the summer was discussed, and it was resolved that the Institute hold one at Milverton on Dominion day, and that the Minister of Agriculture for Ontario and other speakers be invited. The President and Secretary and Messrs. Rothwell, Doering, Freeborn and Grieve were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the picnic. Addresses followed, the principal one being that of J. C. Hay on the question of grain testing and the system recently adopted by some of the millers of buying the farmers' grists and selling them flour at wholesale prices instead of exchanging products as formerly. A tester was procured for the purpose of giving a practical illustration of the method of testing grain. The tests made in the presence of the members of the Institute showed that the tester was accurate. Mr. Hay also gave a practical illustration of the advantage to the farmer of selling his wheat and buying his flour. A farmer had delivered 10.45 bushels of wheat at Hay Bros' mill that day, which tested 55 lbs. to the bushel, worth 81c. or \$7.40 for the 10.45 bushels. Had he exchanged his wheat he would only have received \$6.88 in value, made up as follows: 301 lbs. flour, worth wholesale, \$6.02; 107 lbs. bran, worth 64c., and 32 lbs. shorts, worth 22c., being a gain to the farmer of 52c. by buying and selling. On wheat testing 60 the difference in a 10 bushel grist would be 11c. in favor of buying and selling. On 58 lbs. wheat the difference would be 19c. against exchange. This would be giving 90 per cent flour worth 15c. per barrel more than what is given in exchange. He said the farmer had a safe criterion to tell whether the price of flour is too high; the price of 200 lbs. of flour is never too high at the price of 5 bushels of wheat. Millers cannot run if it be less. On the question of wheat grading in the open market there was a difference of from 1 1/2 to 2c. between No. 1 and No. 2 wheat, while for No. 3 wheat was from 5 to 6c. less. This was the value of wheat in open market; the miller in buying ought to grade according to value. Mr. Cleland expressed satisfaction with the tests made; he was satisfied it was the just method. Wm. Shearer expressed the feeling that the Millers' Association was a combine to the injured of the farmer and referred to the Plewes position to combine. Mr. Hay stated that the Plewes proposition was never accepted or even discussed by the Millers' Association. There was no attempt to regulate prices. After some further discussion the meeting adjourned.

**Perth Spring Assizes.**

STRATFORD March 20.—The case of Pullman v. Canada Company occupied all day on Tuesday, involving the question of alleged excessive distress, etc. Further hearing of the case was adjourned in order to secure the evidence of Mr. Hodge, solicitor. Mr. Dent was examined, but threw no light on the matter. His Lordship reserved judgment.

On Wednesday Emmett Callihan was convicted of larceny of a ticket cheque belonging to D. A. McLaughlin, a passenger on the G. T. R., and sentenced to six months in the Central Prison.

Garoch v. Munroe, the next case entered, was to recover the alleged value of a small house in Listowel. The evidence developed that the defendant at the time of the purchase was alleged to be suffering from "senile dementia," and unable to transact business in regard to real estate. A committee will be appointed and on their report all matter will be settled by the Court.

The cause celebre of this Assize was entered upon on Wednesday at noon. Dingman against Butler et al, in other words Stratford Herald against Stratford Times for libel. There was no plea of justification, but the defendant Butler alleged provocation. He is or has been the manager or overseer of the Times, proprietors being Mrs. Butler, his wife, and Mrs. Kneitel. Mr. Ritchie, Q. C., of Toronto appeared for the plaintiffs. John Idington, Q. C., appeared for the defendant. H. T. Butler and E. Sydney Smith appeared for the defendants, Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Kneitel. The jury after being out three hours returned a verdict for the plaintiffs with damages assessed at \$150 against all the defendants. His Lordship entered judgment for this amount with full costs of suit.

British Mortgage Loan Co. against Scott, action for the recovery of land under a mortgage, verdict for the plaintiffs. Matthews v. Peffers, et al, action for the recovery of a horse said to have been purchased by the plaintiff His Lordship dismissed the action with costs, holding that the alleged purchase was wanting in good faith and was not a bona fide purchase by Matthews. The work of the Assize has been gone through speedily and nothing has been left untried. Several cases have been settled. Several young ladies from the Commercial College were present during the Court proceedings practising, but found that some of the counsel spoke rather fast. As many as ten young ladies were present at one time.

**FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.**

REV. C. A. DOUDIET DELIVERS AN ABLE AND ELOQUENT ADDRESS ON THE SUBJECT.

The Rev. C. A. Doudiet, who was appointed by the General Assembly in Winnipeg to advocate the cause of French evangelization, gave a very able, interesting and eloquent address on that subject in the Presbyterian church on Monday evening. The attendance was comparatively small, but such an address as Mr. Doudiet gave was well worthy of a crowded church, and those who did not hear it have much reason to regret their absence. He showed at the beginning of his address that while the Roman Catholic church had some light, yet that was very meagre, and that the great aim of the hierarchy was to keep the pure Gospel from the mass of the people. After dealing in a very pungent, successful, and thoroughly convincing manner with those who grumble about giving to such schemes, and giving a full and sufficient reply to all objections offered to the work of French evangelization, he explained how that work is carried on, showed the progress made, and the great need of more money to make it more successful. Incidents of an exceedingly interesting and pathetic character were related, and the closest attention of the audience retained throughout. The collection amounted to \$5, and was supplemented on behalf of the ladies of the Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church, Atwood, by the President of that auxiliary, by the gift of \$9, making a total of \$14. This sum is to be applied to the building of the girl's wing of the Pointe aux Trembles school.

**OUR MONTHLY FAIR.**

Last Tuesday witnessed the first monthly horse and cattle fair in Atwood, and despite the shocking state of the roads the farmers turned out in large numbers and the town presented quite a holiday appearance. There were a number of buyers on the ground but not much stock offered for sale, which was largely due to the scarcity of saleable animals and the heavy roads which prevented many from bringing in fat cattle. Some good sales were made, however, and the fair generally regarded as a success, decidedly so in the attendance.

Our merchants were kept busy all day and the hotels were crowded with the sturdy sons of toil. We think the committee made a mistake, however, in not advertising the fair more widely than they did. An advertisement should have been inserted in several of the local papers, say the Stratford, Beacon, Herald, Listowel Standard, Banner, Seaford Expositor and Brussels Post, and bills posted up in the neighboring towns and villages. The fact that our fair was not widely known was quite apparent, and to hope to successfully establish a monthly fair or any other kind of a fair without spending \$10 or \$12 is simply folly. We hope that the committee and citizens, generally, will do what they can to make the next fair a greater success. Buyers should not only be invited but treated to their dinner and otherwise made welcome by our people, especially by the executive committee. Let us all work together and we may rest assured that the next monthly fair held here, on Tuesday, April 29th, will be second to none in the county.

**VICTORIA LETTER.**

To the Editor of THE BEE.  
DEAR SIR:—Through the kindness of Atwood friends we have been permitted the pleasure of perusing the pages of some copies of the aspiring BEE, and have been much interested in its columns and heartily wish the Editor success. Having been requested by a friend of your publication to contribute a few items from here, believing that they will be of interest to your readers. It is now over five years since I bid farewell to Atwood and vicinity and took up my residence here. Travelled via Grand trunk and Union Pacific R. R. to Portland Oregon, and witnessed the first celebration of the kind that I had ever been permitted to see. It was a most enjoyable day in regard to climate; everything was fresh and green, the grass almost knee deep in the lawn and everything as beautiful as nature can make it. When compared to the storms and cold we had to endure in the Ontario winter I felt truly thankful to escape. On the following day we proceeded north via the Northern Pacific to Tacoma, Washington Territory, situated on Puget Sound, one of the best protected sheets of salt water for navigation on the coast, thence by the O. R. & N. Co's steamer "North Pacific," arriving at Victoria March 20th, under very favorable circumstances. We were told the weather had continued mild since early in February, and from indications in general we could not doubt the assertion. Building operations and general improvements were in progress in all directions as if winter were unknown. The thermometer had not registered as low as zero for some years and I have only known it to occur once in five years. We are not permitted the pleasure of many sleigh rides but we willingly forego this for the advantages on the other hand. The past winter has been one of the most disagreeable I have experienced. Usually we have a few days of snow and then it would pass away, but this season we have had a plentiful supply of slush and cold damp winds but no good sleighing, although there has been three feet of snow at Tanaimo—60 miles north—and five feet at Comox, further up the east coast of Vancouver Island. There is snow still to be seen a few miles to the west and we learn there has been blockades on nearly all the railways between here and Southern California. A great many cattle have perished on some of the large stock ranches in consequence of the snow, as they are supposed to

run so large all the year round, so that you may guess we are favored with tough beef at exorbitant prices, but a little goes a long way with those who have poor teeth. Steak is from 15c. to 20c. per lb. Our new electric streetcars commenced running about three weeks ago, and are a decided success and well patronized. The Chinese could not understand them and were somewhat superstitious; some were heard to say: "Melican man heap smartee, no pullee, no pushee, go all the same; too much devil, Chinaman no savee," (understand them) but they soon picked up courage and took a ride too. Business in general is in a flourishing condition, almost a boom in real estate, and building operations are pushed vigorously and improvements in general are being made. There is plenty of cash in circulation for those who hustle after it, but it slips past the street loafers. All being considered we should be very thankful for so many blessings in this favored land.  
J. O. TURNBULL.  
Victoria, B. C., March 15, 1890.

**Spring Shows.**

Fullarton, Friday, April 4.  
Mitchell on April 9th.  
Milverton on April 11th.  
Stratford, April 15.  
Elma, at Newry, Tuesday, April 15.  
South Huron, Brucefield, April 16.  
Listowel, at Listowel, April 16.  
East Wawanesh, at Belgrave, April 17.  
East Huron, at Brussels, April 18.

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Atwood, Feb. 28, 1890.  
Jas. Irwin, Esq., Dear Sir:—This is to certify that the suit of clothing purchased from you, and made by your tailor, Mr. Geo. Currie, has given entire satisfaction, both in workmanship and quality of goods. Yours truly, R. KNOX.

7 Russel street, Toronto, Feb. 14, 1890.  
Ever since Geo. Currie has taken charge of the tailoring department of Mr. Jas. Irwin's establishment, I have been getting all my clothes made there. I have always been perfectly satisfied, both with the goods and the manner in which they were made. I consider Mr. Irwin particularly fortunate in having secured the service of so able a workman. GEO. A. HARVEY.

Atwood, March 3, 1890.  
Jas. Irwin:—Being asked for a recommendation as to Mr. Currie's claim as a first-class cutter or tailor, I consider him another John A. McKenzie as regard to making clothes satisfactory. Yours truly, JOHN A. WILSON.

Atwood, March 1, 1890.  
James Irwin, Sir:—The suit of clothes your Mr. Geo. Currie made for me is the best fitting suit I ever wore. JOHN PELTON.

Toronto, Feb. 14, 1890.  
I am pleased to be able to certify to the excellence of the quality of goods kept by Mr. James Irwin in his tailoring department, and also to the taste and proficiency of his tailor, Mr. Geo. Currie. I have never been better satisfied with clothes than with those recently received from his establishment. Not only was the quality of the cloth all that could be desired, but the fit was also perfectly satisfactory. ED. E. HARVEY.

Corona, Colorado, March 1, 1890.  
Dear Sir:—This is to certify that the suits I have had made for me by Mr. Currie are entirely satisfactory. As regard to both style and workmanship they are equal to anything I have been able to procure from even the most fashionable tailoring establishments in Denver. As long as I can get such satisfaction from you my name will appear on your books as a permanent customer. Yours truly, ARCHIE KNOX, Agent C. B. & Q. Ry.

Atwood, March 10, 1890.  
James Irwin, Atwood:—I reply to your enquiry. I beg to say that the suit of clothes made for me by Mr. Currie, gives me every satisfaction. If you suit everyone as well, you will have no trouble in getting plenty to do. R. K. HALL.

Brussels, March 1, 1890.  
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