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PAPER.

SPRING TIME

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American

Wall Paper,

New Patterns,

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M. E. NEADS,

Drugs and Books,

Atwood, Ont.

Town Talk.

The first newspaper advertisement came out in the London Times in 1648.

VENUS is at present the morning star and shines with a degree of steady brilliancy very seldom observable.

THE Queen, who was an only child, has to-day fifty living descendants—children, grand children and great grand children.

WHILE wiping up the floor before putting the carpet down, sprinkle it all over with salt, while damp; this will greatly prevent moths.

THE Elma Agricultural Society will hold their spring fair at Newry instead of Atwood, owing largely to the unfit condition of their show grounds which have been plowed recently.

THE Mitchell Recorder seems rather personal when it refers to its contemporary as "the male woman, the washed out and drenched out flippity flippity spinster who runs the Advocate."

MAPLE sap has been running well for the past three weeks. We hope some magnanimous hearted friend will invite us to participate in the "sugaring off" process in the bush some afternoon.

AN eminent German has been counting the number of hairs in human heads of different colors. In a blonde one he found 140,400, in a brown 109,440, in a black 102,962, and in a red one 85,740.

"HAVE you lost your senses?" exclaimed an anxious mother to her erring son. "Oh, no," coolly replied the lad, "not yet, mother, the enumerators have not yet been around to take them."

MR. McKINLEY has taxed pretty nearly everything, but in the kindness of his heart he allowed the gripe to come in free. It is about the only thing nowadays which is within the reach of all.—New York Herald.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway has made arrangements with the New York Central by which it gains entry into New York, by way of Brockville and over the late Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg Railway. It is supposed that a bridge will be erected over the St. Lawrence at Brockville to facilitate traffic.

THE most interesting topic in Woodstock during this dull spring is the removal of Messrs. O'Beirne & Abraham of The Standard to Stratford, where they have purchased The Beacon. The last issue of the Standard appeared last Tuesday. The plant is to be taken away and the daily and weekly lists transferred to The Sentinel-Review, which will thus be left stronger than ever. With two old and well-established papers there the third one has had to struggle against fate in a restricted field. Messrs. O'Beirne & Abraham are experienced and capable men, who have put both money and brains into the paper there. They will no doubt bring the Beacon back to its old-time influence and prosperity.

SEEDING is general in Manitoba. Mr. CAMPBELL, of Hastings Co., was in the village last week.

WM. MARSHALL's new paint wagon is quite attractive and business like. He anticipates a big season's work.

A GENIUS has been victimizing western Ontario farmers by guaranteeing to send them one hundred articles for household use for thirty cents. On receipt of the money he sends them half a paper of pins.

FALL WHEAT.—The weather has been generally favorable for the fall wheat, and all reports speak hopefully of its condition at present. One or two nights have been experienced that were unfavorable, but so far no particular damage has been done. The late rains will have a decidedly good effect on the grain.

ATWOOD DAIRY.—Atwood is to have a dairy service. Jos. Priest has made arrangements to run a dairy wagon through the village every morning on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and morning and evening on Saturday. This is a new venture here and one that will meet with much approval by all of our citizens. We hope that Mr. Priest will meet with a liberal patronage.

THE auction sale of Jos. McKoy's stock, vehicles, and household furniture went off with a bang. The prices for the stock were high, while many household articles were sold at an advance of their first cost. The receipts of the sale netted something over \$800, which is \$100 more than Mr. McKoy expected to realize. The house and lot were put up, but were not disposed of, the bidding reaching only \$700. This sale did credit to the auctioneer, Alex. Morrison, who is conceded to be one of the best hammer-wielders in the county. Mr. McKoy intends leaving for British Columbia in a few weeks.

AMONG the bills now before the Ontario Legislature is one to amend the "Noxious Weeds Act," and one of its provisions provides that "Any person who knowingly sows any wheat or other grain infected by smut, without first destroying the germs of disease, shall upon conviction, be liable to a fine of not less than \$5 nor more than \$20." There is hardly an enactment on the Statute Book that is more openly violated than the one relating to the spread of noxious weeds. Pathmasters and others have their attention called to it every year, but that is about all the good it does, for little or no attempt is made to enforce its provisions. Go through this country in the summer, and Canada thistles and other weeds will be found in abundance. It is not much use amending the law, unless some effort is made to enforce it. It proper enforcement would do a great amount of good.

APRIL FOOL CHESTNUTS.—To our knowledge none of the Atwoodites were made victims to April Fool day chestnuts. The Advocate tells of how one of Mitchell's young merchants was caught in the trap in the following manner: "W. H. Willis had a letter dropped in his shop on Wednesday, summoning him, immediately home as his wife was very sick. A minute later his coat tails were seen flying around the corners, but as soon as he had reached the door, and was met by the happy smile of the spouse, he found it was the first of April." A Hamilton exchange relates the following amusing incident that happened in that city on April 1st: "Yesterday the local coal and wood dealers each received an order written in a delicate feminine hand, and signed Mrs. M. F. Brown, ordering them to send supplies of coal and wood to 325 Bay street south at eight o'clock this morning. All except one or two of them took the bait. By 8 a. m. to-day twenty-one wagons, heavily laden with coal or wood, had toiled painfully up the steep street, and lingered around in the vicinity of where 325 ought to be, and blocked up the thoroughfare. There is no number 325 on Bay street south. Two or three of the fuel dealers had looked up the directory and ascertained that fact, and had not filled the order, but nearly all the coal and wood dealers in town were fooled. They would like to find out who the joker is who wanted the April fuel."

SEASONABLE THOUGHTS.—Providence has kindly favored Ontario with a grand winter. The swamps have been generally well frozen and good for winter work, and but few farmers having wood who could not easily have secured a good supply of fuel for home use from their waste timber. There has been a good market for cordwood, logs, and all forest products. There has also been an excellent and profitable demand for all farm products generally a plenty of fodder for horses and cattle to winter upon and fall crops and meadows are looking well. As a result there is a good supply of barnyard manure for the land. The winter has been free from epidemics, and men should be in heart for the spring work. Beef cattle, milk cows, grains of all kinds, potatoes, etc., command excellent prices and the prospect for cheese is encouraging. We are now enjoying a beautiful spring, and all should improve every moment in making preparations to do more and better work on the farm, in the garden and in the dairy than ever before. If we, as a people, do our part well—conforming to the ordinary and sensible rules in the government of ourselves and our families and the management of farms, business, etc.—Providence may be depended on to make this year one of excellent results to every one. In this section there are excellent markets for almost everything and encouragement to all members of a family to take part in the effort to make a happy and prosperous home. Even boys and girls can give a helping hand by doing small chores, assisting in the vegetable garden, and doing much to reduce store bills. There is ample scope for the efforts of all, and all that is required is united and intelligent efforts to turn to good account the advantages which Providence has placed within our reach.

A YOUNG student of Woodstock College officiated in the Baptist church Sunday afternoon.

THE Rev. C. H. Phillimore, of Port Colborne, will (D. V.) preach in the Baptist church on Sunday next, at 3 o'clock p.m.

If you want beautiful wall paper, choice field and garden seeds, etc., call at Hacking's drug store when in Listowel. His change of adyt. appears this week.

THE Elma Cheese Co's factory commences operations on Tuesday, April 14th. A directors' meeting was held in Secretary Lochhead's office on Monday afternoon.

WE are sorry to learn that Nelson McBain lost nearly \$100 in the Grand Central Hotel fire in Listowel Tuesday morning. He barely escaped with his life and shop clothes.

THE promotion exams. are over and the small boy breathes freer. H. Y. Smith, of No. 5, Elma, examined the Atwood youngsters, while Mr. Harding looked after the No. 5 pupils.

THE present winter is proving a very disastrous one for bee-keepers. We are safe in stating that not more than one-fourth of the colonies stored away in the fall will survive the winter.

OUR old friend, Wm. Spence, Clerk of Grey township, spent an hour with us Wednesday. Mr. Spence has been intimately acquainted with our veteran postmaster, Mr. Gordon, for over thirty years.

WE are instructed to state that the Secretary-Treasurer of the Ontario Farmers' Flax Manufacturing Co. will pay \$2 per ton over and above the \$5 per ton already paid, making in all \$7 per ton for last season's crop.

It would seem that in the past season old winter got bewildered and lost his way. We hear that while in the Sunny South the weather was exceptionally severe, in Iceland it was quite mild and they had neither frost nor snow.

LAST August Canada sent more cheese to England than any other country in the world. Of the total import in England in that month (318,249 cheese), Canada supplied 174,151, the United States 145,896, and other countries 35,238.

THE Beeton World remarks:—The number of needles that will manage to hide themselves in the family pincushion in a year is astonishing, and an occasional turning inside-out of that article will surprise and repay the careful housewife.

THE wet weather of the past few days has made the snow disappear and given a surplus of mud. The frost is getting well out of the ground and with the present favorable weather farmers will be able to commence spring work within a week.

"MANY are taking advantage of the big raise in prices and teaming out their surplus produce. It looks as if Canada's Grand Old Man was returning good for evil, so far as Huron is concerned."—Brussels Post. The same may also be said of Perth county.

THE CENSUS.—Arrangements for taking the census are well under way. The chief officers have been appointed and the enumerators are pretty generally selected. The chief officers number fourteen. There is a commissioner for each county, and there will be about 3,000 enumerators. These officers do the actual work, going from house to house and taking the information. The taking of the census commenced throughout the Dominion on Monday morning, April 6th. It is the day fixed for that work throughout the British Empire. Of course, the enumerators and their superiors, who will transfer the information to Ottawa, are all sworn to secrecy, so that it will be mere stupidity to withhold information. The first census of Canada was taken in 1663 and the population was then 2500. In 1671 the population of Acadia, 441. In 1841 the first regular census was taken, showing Lower Canada 625,000, Upper Canada 452,688. In 1851 the figures were 803,261 for Lower Canada, 95,200 for Upper Canada; Nova Scotia 276,854; New Brunswick 193,800. In 1861 the figures were: Upper Canada, 1,111,596; Lower Canada 1,396,091; Nova Scotia 333,857; New Brunswick 252,047; Prince Edward Island 80,858; British Columbia 3,024. In 1881 the figures were: Quebec 1,359,027; Ontario 1,923,228; Nova Scotia 440,572; New Brunswick 321,233; Prince Edward Island 108,891; British Columbia 49,459; Manitoba 65,954; and Northwest Territories 56,449. These were the official figures with the exception of Manitoba, where the census was taken in 1886, showing a population of 108,640. Following is the general character of the questions to be put:—Schedule 1—A description of the residence; the names, sexes and ages of the occupants of the house; their relation to the head of the family; place of their own birth, and of the parents' birth; religion; profession, occupation or trade; whether employer or wage-earner; if wage-earner the name of employer; whether unemployed a week preceding the census; if employer, the average number of hands employed during the year; ability to read or write; whether deaf and dumb; or of unsound mind. Schedule 2 calls for the names of those who died during the preceding year, with other information concerning them; also facts and statistics regarding public institutions. Schedule 3—Information about real estate, orchard products, nurseries, vine yards, and market gardens. Schedule 4—returns of farm products. Schedule 5—live stock, animal products home made fabrics, etc. Schedule 6—Industrial establishments. Schedule 7—products of the forest. Schedule 8—shipping and milling. Questions relating to all these varied interests will have to be asked and answered.

CRADLE.

SHANNON.—In Elma, on the 7th inst., the wife of Mr. Wm. Shannon, of a daughter (still born.)

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