

## Country Talk.

**Ethel.**  
C. O. F. have secured the Orange Hall to hold their meetings in, which will be held on the second and last Thursdays of each month.  
John Elliot has just returned from a trip to Manitoba. He speaks well of that country, they have such fine crops this year.  
There will be no service in the Presbyterian church next Sabbath on account of the sacramental service to be held in Cranbrook.  
The August cheese of the Ethel cheese factory was sold and shipped the other day at 10c per lb. Mr. Barr, the painstaking cheesemaker, deserves credit for having managed the factory so satisfactorily.  
Robt. Ferguson, of Walton, paid a visit to Ethel L. O. L. He reports Orangeism in a prosperous condition there. They have organized a Lady Lodge there, and hoping the time is not far distant when one can be organized in Ethel.

**Turnberry.**  
Peter McLaren was visiting at Peter Campbell's Saturday, Oct 4.  
Miss Scott, of the 10th con., spent a few days with Miss B. Wylie.  
Jos. Kitchen is a present visiting his brother in Saginaw City, Michigan.  
Miss Etta Harleston was the guest of Mrs. H. Henning during the past week.  
Quite a number from this vicinity attended the Walkerton show last week.  
Mr. Hunter, of Wingham, has been packing apples in this vicinity for the past few days.  
Mrs. Peter McLaren has been visiting her brother, Peter Campbell, during the past week.  
Owing to the recent heavy frosts the rich yellow hue of Autumn again adorns the forests.  
Jas. Elliot has put up an addition to his silo and he expects to stow away in it 12 acres of fine corn.  
Miss Maggie McDougall has been engaged as operator in the C. P. R. telegraph office in Wingham.

The autumn rains appear to have come somewhat earlier this year. This fact together with the early fall of the leaves predicts an early winter.  
Quite a number from this vicinity attended the Brussels show Friday last. They report a fine exhibit of everything more especially the show of horses.  
The Bluevale Methodist church, in course of erection, is completed on the outside with the exception of a coat of paint. The contractors expect to have it ready for service at no great distant date.  
**HONOR TO WHOM HONOR IS DUE.**—In a foot-ball match between the Turnberry Ironides and Brussels team, contested in Brussels on Friday last, the Brussels team were cowardly enough to engage a player from Gorrie and two professionals, McLennan and Smith, of the Hurons, of Seaford, to aid them in gaining present applause and a paltry prize. The Brussels boys did not seem to consider nor think that it is more honorable to be defeated by playing their own men than to win by the aid of professionals.

**Mornington.**  
William Campbell, Millbank, has been making some brief calls across the lines—Toledo and other places.  
Mr. Baylis, of Trowbridge, a student for the ministry, occupied the Methodist church pulpit, Carthage, Sunday afternoon, Sept. 28.  
Many of our young men, possessors of ponies, are on the alert to find the young lady whom they may escort to the fairs. School children, too, are counting the days ere their local fall exhibition, and consider it a statutory holiday long observed.  
The brilliant appearance which the forests are assuming so vividly call to mind that winter is at hand. September has taken flight and we have stepped upon October. Farmers are raising potatoes and binding up their corn. The roads are in fine shape but our ad hesive acquaintance—mud—will ere long hold sway.  
Rev. J. W. Cameron, North Mornington church pastor, talked last Sabbath morning Sept. 28, to the Sabbath school scholars on the text: "They who seek me early shall find me." In the evening his discourse was to the young people. Next Sabbath morning he will address the older people of his congregation particularly.

The usual monotony of our neighborhood has of late been relieved by the visit of W. D. Lamb, phrenologist. This gentleman is a graduate of the American Institute of Phrenology, New York, headquarters of the world-renowned "Sizer and Wells," whose names sound so familiar to phrenological readers. Two lectures are delivered in each section and lecture No. 2 always finds a fuller house than the first, which proves that the lecturer in his endeavor to arouse and stimulate interest in this grand subject (which was for so long as a dead language) has not been unsuccessful. His examinations generally give complete satisfaction. Mr. Lamb is thoroughly conversant with his subject, possesses a fluency of language, and is so enthusiastic and persevering in his labors that he will mount rapidly the ladder of fame. We wish him every success.

## Newry.

The following is the standing of the pupils of S. S. No. 5, Newry, for the month of September. The examination covers the work gave over during the month:—

Senior Fourth.—Max. 450—Edith Alexander, 316; Robert McMane, 300; Charles McMane, 287. Junior Fourth.—Max. 450—Barbara McIntyre, 351; Fannie Adams, 295; Maggie Fullarton, 296; Minnie Chisholm, 261; Fred Danbrook, 219. Third Class.—Max. 450—Maggie Allison, 332; Carrie Gilmer, 326; Maud Coulter, 215; Charles Coulter, 191; Thos. Fullarton, 188; Jas. Simpson, 168. Second Class.—Max. 300—Annie Danbrook, 246; Ollie Attridge, 240; Eliza Gilkinson, 237; Charles Coulter, 215; David Dunlop, 214; Eva Holmes, 202; Fred House, 201; Susie Johnston, 191; Richard Morrison, 149. Part II.—Max. 200—Laura Simpson, 195; Willie Gilkinson, 145; Laura McMane, 100; Teenie Allison, 93. Part I. Senior.—Names in order of merit.—Fred Richardson, Margaret McMane, James Robb, Albert Duclow, Thomas McIntyre, Maggie Johnston, Mervin Morrison, Willie Gilmer. Part I. Junior.—Mary Coulter, Whiteford Morrison, Francis Fullarton, Arthur Simpson, Liza Richardson, Robert Gilkinson, Ida Danbrook, Lillie Tagart. Number of pupils in attendance during the month 61, boys 32, girls 29. Average attendance 55.

W. G. MORRISON, Teacher.

## Brussels.

S. B. Smale was home Friday.  
J. Rivers left for Guelph this week.  
Frank Stretton is home visiting his parents.  
Rev. R. Paul preached in Teeswater last Sunday.  
P. Thompson was home from Toronto this week.  
Mr. Watson, sr., of Harrison, was in town Tuesday.  
T. Fletcher and wife visited the Queen city this week.  
The Ely Medicine Co. are doing our town this week.  
T. Hill was away in London for several days last week.  
Miss Clara Thompson is home on a visit from Toronto.  
Mrs. Jno. Hill, Grey, has gone to visit her mother in Buffalo.  
Oran E. Turner is home from Galt for a few days this week.  
Miss Haslam, of Belgrave, spent Sunday with friends in town.  
Mrs. J. Ross spent a few days in London and St. Johns last week.  
Miss Micklejohn, of Belgrave, is the guest of Miss Lillie Vanstone this week.  
Mr. and Mrs. Stretton and children, of Ohio, are visiting John Mooney in Morris.

Mrs. Thompson, of Seaford, was visiting her sister, Mrs. John Tait, last week.  
Eva and Bella Bawtineimer are home from an extended visit among relatives in Essex.  
J. J. Denman and family moved to Bluevale this week. Another family were sorry is leaving.  
Con. Vanstone, wife and daughter, of Southampton, spent several days with Mrs. Wm. Vanstone.  
One of the best agricultural shows ever held in Brussels was the one we had last Thursday and Friday.  
Sacrament in Melville church Sunday, Sept. 28. No service in St. John's or Knox churches in the evening.  
Mr. and Mrs. Kirk of Dunganon, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Anderson. Mrs. Kirk is a sister of Mr. Anderson.  
Report says Miss Lizzie Jackson was married to a Toronto gentleman Nov. 25th. There has been a great boom in marriages among our Brussels girls this fall.

Another marriage in town Wednesday, Oct 24th, when Miss Ida Thompson second daughter of P. Thompson, was united by a knot that cannot be untied, to J. Jones our popular young jeweler.  
Truman Smith, of Grey, left for Orillia Saturday. Mrs. Smith has been up in that direction for some months for her health. Mr. Smith went to bring her home. It is to be hoped the change will be beneficial.  
Mr. and Mrs. Beman have been conducting very interesting temperance services in the hall for several nights. A Royal Templars lodge has been organized, and everything seems very favorable to this good cause.  
Mr. and Mrs. Beman, of Hamilton, "The Royal Temple evangelists" assisted the choir in the Methodist church Sunday night. They also sang a duet, "O be ready when the Bridegroom comes," which was very much appreciated.

David Armstrong left town for Buffalo last Monday morning, where he intends beating. Mrs. A. has gone to Walkerton, but will leave for Buffalo in a few weeks. We are sorry to lose good citizens like Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong.  
What might have been a large fire was nipped in the bud, Monday Sept. 29th, about 10 a. m. The roof of Mr. O'Connor's house caught fire from a defective chimney, and but for the prompt action of four firemen, it is hard to say what might have happened, as it was very little damage was done.

## The Doomed Man.

### Birchall Makes a Partial Confession of the Crime.

NOTES ON THE GREAT TRIAL.

Members of the jury were congratulated on all hands next morning on the verdict given. The feeling is universal that it is the only one that honest men could give.

Canada has reason to be proud of the way in which this great case has been conducted. Judge, Counsel, Jury and Court officials all deserve infinite credit. The whole trial and the result is a credit to Canada. It shows the value and soundness of our judicial system.

The cost of the prosecution of Birchall will be large, but not so large as many people would expect. We have it on good authority that it will be less than \$10,000, probably only \$7,000 or \$8,000. The witnesses and Crown Attorney's fees are paid by the County; the counsel and detectives are paid by the Ontario Government.



JUDGE MACMAHON.

Contrary to general reports it is not the intention of Mrs. Birchall and her sister to leave Canada in October. Mrs. Birchall having trodden the path of sorrow for so long, will not leave it now when the influence of her presence will be especially required by her unfortunate husband. She will remain until after the execution and will continue to attend on her husband as far as the regulations and her physical powers will permit.

When Mr. Blackstock criticized the press and the Detective, he was doing his best for his client with no case. If his remarks were to be taken seriously would express an intelligent public opinion.—Mr. Blackstock's censure of the press and also pursued by Detective Murray are features of the case which the Record strongly condemns, for in our opinion the wretched prisoner was treated fairly by both. The public had a perfect right to know the details, and if the press had suppressed them, from a maudlin sense of sympathy for the accused, it would have evidenced a remarkable apathy in reference to the exposure and suppression of crime.



B. B. OSLER, Q. C.

F. R. Ball, Crown Attorney, wrote to Mr. Cameron, instructing him to have Birchall removed from the cell he had previously occupied, if another cell equally safe was available, and in any event to have the carpet removed and examined twice a day. He also advised that the prisoner's meat be cut before served to him and that he be allowed only a lead spoon with which to eat his meals. Mr. Cameron, however, has thought fit to wait until he receives instructions direct from Toronto. Although no one is allowed to see the prisoner except the gaol surgeon and his spiritual adviser, the gaol bells are kept constantly ringing by curious visitors who "would just like to get a glimpse at the man." One of the gaol officials fastened an envelope at each entrance leaving the words, "No admittance," but the notices have not the desired effect.

Birchall's story of the murder of Benwell is gradually oozing out of him. Since he was sentenced he has dropped the devil-may-care air which he used to assume, is wearing down in flesh, and has become sober and subdued in manner.



MR. BLACKSTOCK, Q. C.

All through his conversations since his conviction, Birchall has insisted that he had an accomplice who did not slaying at the swamp, and he has made it appear of late that this accomplice was a young Englishman named Grahall on Pickthal's farm, and whose name cropped out at the trial in the evidence of Macdonald, the Woodstock man who placed the Englishman on farms as the agent or representative of Ford, Rathbone & Co., of London, England, with whom Birchall also carried on some correspondence.

Pickthal was very emphatic in his repudiation of the statements made by Birchall concerning him, and expressed a desire to meet the man face to face and ask what he meant by lying so. "I don't think it right," he continued, "that because a man has made a slip in his life he should not be allowed to pick up the thread again."

The typewriter letter Birchall does not attempt to explain or account for. The writing of it must have made a deep impression on his mind, for it is said he repeated it almost verbatim to his solicitors just before the trial, though he had previously lied about its contents to others. Pelly, it is understood, says that when the party arrived in New York Benwell saw a typewriter store and went into it along with himself and Birchall. They priced a typewriter, and both Benwell and Pelly tried it. Benwell seemed to be accustomed to the use of such machines. It is probable that this knowledge suggested to Birchall the typewriter story which he brought into his letter to Col. Benwell. He leaves that letter without comment, and feels that it was terribly injurious to him. It was this letter which first fairly opened the eyes of Mrs. West-Jones.

Birchall declared, and the tears filled his eyes as he rose and grasped the bars of the cell door, that his wife was innocent both of the fraud which he had perpetrated upon Benwell and Pelly and of the more heinous crime. "My wife," he said, with much warmth, "is a perfectly honorable woman. She knew nothing of what was going on. I deceived her. I lied to her. She believed all I said. If she found me out, or thought she had found me out in one lie, I told her another. My word is no weight now, but I tell you she is as innocent as a child of any participation in the affair. I mean that she had no hand in or knowledge of the swindling or of what happened after we got to the Falls. I hope I shall be believed in this; it is the truth." He was considerably moved as he spoke. It was early in the morning. He had not been long out of bed, and looked as if he had passed a hard night. He repeated over and over again that he had deceived his wife about everything, and expressed the hope that the public would do her the justice to believe that she was absolutely without blame.

The sheriff has received definite instructions from Mr. Christie, inspector of prisons, with regard to the case of the prisoner, and the new regulations are now in force. According to these the arrangements by which Birchall's meals have been supplied from a hotel will be discontinued. It is now intended, however, to limit him to gaol fare, but the gaoler is instructed to purchase the food himself and superintend its cooking and preparation. This precaution was taken presumably to prevent any possibility of poison being introduced in his meals. He will not be allowed the use of a knife of any kind, or anything else with which he might do bodily harm to his attendant or himself. His steel pen and a needle were therefore taken from him, and hereafter he will write with a pencil or quill. The utmost vigilance on the part of the guards is enjoined, and any laxity in duty is to be punished by instant dismissal. No one is to be allowed to see him except the gaol surgeon and his spiritual adviser unless on the order of the sheriff. It is advised that the visits of his wife be restricted to once a week, and the husband and wife are not to be allowed to approach each other close enough to enable him to receive secretly anything whatever from her.

The following is a copy of a letter received by the sheriff from a would-be hangman:—

Oct. 3, 1890.—Mr. Perry, if you want a man to hang Birchall, I take the job. M. J.

Wilnot Township, Dundee Postoffice. Write back so soon as you like to let me know.

## Donegal.

The Methodist church has just been improved in appearance by frosting the windows. The work was done by Mr. Marshall, of Atwood.

## Bornholm.

Henry Near and his sister Lizzie, of Monkton, spent Sunday, Oct. 4th, with friends on the 12th line.

Mr. and Mrs. James Woolcott returned on Saturday of last week from Woodstock, where they have been visiting for a week.

Rev. Mr. Gilpin, who has charge of a circuit in Michigan, accompanied Rev. Mr. Brandon to his Bethesda appointment last Sunday and assisted in the service.

One day last week as the seven-year-old son of Peter Longeway was playing on a wagon which contained four barrels of water he fell off and the wheel passed over one of his legs, fracturing it. Dr. Woods was immediately sent for who soon arrived and set the limb.

Mrs. Deal was suddenly called away last week to attend the death of her nephew. Deceased was cutting clover with a mower when the horses became frightened and ran away. The young man got caught in the machine and had two of his limbs almost severed from his body. He died shortly afterwards.

## Monkton.

John Inglis, of Georgetown, is renewing old acquaintances in the village.

Mrs. Collinson, of Ayr, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. Huggins, this week.

Miss Jessie Moffat returned home from Toronto last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Scott spent Sunday last with friends in the vicinity of Seaford.

The Presbyterians of this village purpose holding their annual tea meeting sometime this month.

Mrs. Colquhoun and family, of Mitchell, have been visiting for the past week at the village hotel.

Logging bees are now the order of the day. Two were held last week and more are looming up in the near future.

This district supplied a large crowd to the Atwood fair. The general opinion is that this fair is second to none in the county.

Mrs. Jolly, at one time our village school ma'am, but now of Toronto, has spent the last few days here renewing old acquaintances.

The August make of the Monkton cheese factory was shipped on Monday. The cheese as usual was of the finest quality and brought the round figure of 10 cents per pound.

While in the pasture field one of Geo. Inglis' horses had the misfortune to receive an ugly cut in the hip. Mr. Inglis is at a loss to determine how the gash could have been inflicted.

Wm. Tier, our popular teacher, has been engaged again for another year at a salary of \$425. Mr. Tier is a good teacher and has done well for the section, and deserves what he has got in advance of last year.

Rev. Mr. Gilpin, of the Free Methodist church, of Michigan, occupied the pulpit of the Methodist church on Sunday morning and evening. The Rev. gentleman is an eloquent speaker and a sincere Christian.

Stewart & Nicholson have been awarded the contract of excavating a large drain to conduct Elice water into the Matiland river. The Elice council may rest assured that this old and reliable firm will do them good work.

Our Monkton correspondent to the Advocate must think he is a very smart man and THE BEE correspondent a fool when he says he should be jerked. We come to the conclusion if there is going to be any jerking done they had better string both of them up and thus save time and expense.

Auction sales are booming just now. C. H. Merryfield sold for Jacob Long, Oct. 9th, for the executors of the late John Healy, Oct. 25th, for John Boyle, Oct. 15th. Aaron Hollman had a good sale on the 25th Sept., cattle ran high, sheep sold at \$20 a pair, the farm was knocked down to W. J. Holmes at \$2,925.

The English church, whose doors have so long been closed to the public, presented a very gay and attractive appearance on Friday evening last, the occasion being the much talked of and long expected Forester's concert. The program was varied and interesting and was carried out in such a way as to reflect credit both on the performers and promoters of the entertainment. Rev. Mr. Brandon gave a stirring and eloquent address on "True Brotherhood." The Methodist choir sang a few pieces in their usual pleasing manner. C. C. Whale, one of the Supreme Court officers, spoke at some length on the aims, objects and successes of the I. O. F. Mr. and Miss Francis, of Fallarton, sang some good songs. The instrumental part of the program was taken charge of by the Mitchell Glee Club and their selections were heartily applauded. Last but certainly not least we mention Kirkton's comic, Mr. Mooney, who took the audience by storm. He is brimful of solid innocent amusement and has a large fund of comicallities. After the concert was over the performers and lodge members partook of a sumptuous repast at the Huggins' hotel. The entertainment is generally conceded to have been the best held in the village for some time. The evening's proceeds netted \$30.