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BETHUEL LOVERIN,
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FARMERSVILLE.

Is pleasantly situated in the midst of a rich agricultural district, at a distance of about fifteen miles from Brockville and twelve from the River St. Lawrence. Being on the stone road which connects Brockville with Westport, it possesses unusually good mercantile advantages, as the extensive express business abundantly testifies. The village is pre-eminently healthful, this being due, in great part, to its excellent water privileges, added to the tasteful and cleanly habits of the inhabitants. So much is this a characteristic of the place, that fever rarely finds a lodgement within its precincts, and that foul scourge diphtheria, has only once brought mourning to the home of one of its residents. Its proximity to

LAKE CHARLESTON

greatly enhances the value of a prolonged sojourn in this inland village; for sport, at once profitable and health-giving, can be had, during the summer season, at a trifling cost, on this romantic body of water. The fishing facilities, in those waters, are unsurpassed by any in the province, and are, perhaps, almost equal to any on the continent. The

MINERAL SPRINGS

in the neighborhood of the village are pronounced by competent authority to be of excellent quality, but they are yet in an undeveloped condition. It is hoped, however, that when the Brockville and Westport Railway is completed, they may become the property of some enterprising adventurer who will develop this latent mine of wealth, and restore health and vigor to the debilitated and weary invalid.

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is a weekly paper published every Wednesday, by B. Loverin. It contains each week a faithful record of incidents transpiring in the village and throughout the county.

THE INDUSTRIES

As evidence of the importance of Farmersville as a commercial centre, we quote the following figures:—Population in May, 1884, 702; Number of houses, 156; Carriage shops 3, Blacksmith shops 4, Planing mill 1, Woodenware factory 1, Carding and fulling mill 1, Cabinet and undertaker's shops 2, Harness shops 1, Printing office 1, butcher shops 3, Bake shops 1, Barber shops 2, Hotels 2, General stores 6, Groceries 4, Tailor shops 3, Tc. store 1, Flour and feed store 1, Millinery and fancy goods 3, Doctors 3.

Turning from the business view of the place, and directing our attention to the intellectual, we find churches, schools, and secret societies in abundance. On one side of the village is situated the Methodist Church, a massive stone building, fitting type of the Gospel proclaimed within its walls. Close by its side, in modest proportions, stands the Baptist chapel, while on the other side of the village the English church rears its graceful form heavenward in mute but eloquent adoration of the Giver of all Good.

THE COUNTY MODEL SCHOOL

for the professional training of third-class teachers is located in Farmersville. This brings a large influx of teachers to the village, from September to December.

THE HIGH SCHOOL

has stood second to none in Eastern Ontario for the last five years, having passed during that time more second and third-class teachers than any other school east of Kingston. Classes are formed each term for third, second, and first class teacher's certificates. Matriculation in Arts, Medicine, and Law, and also for the commercial course. The lover of mystic lore may here find ample food to satisfy his craving for the mysterious, since no less than

FIVE SECRET SOCIETIES

fatten on the good things of our village. The Masonic fraternity hold high carnival once a month in the upper storey of the Armstrong Hotel. The Odd-Fellows play odd and even every week over Mr. C. Lamb's shop. The Orangemen display their loyalty every month in the third storey of the Gamble House. The Ancient Order of Workmen meet as often as occasion requires over Mr. H. H. Arnold's store. And last, but certainly not least, the Good Templars meet every week to devise more active measures of war fare against King Alcohol and all his legions.

THE SCOTT ACT.

Before another issue of the REPORTER reaches our readers, voting on the Scott Act will have taken place in the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville. It is an event pregnant with momentous interest to every one living within the bounds of the counties named, and one in which every elector must individually bear a certain amount of responsibility for the success or defeat of the Act.

From our standpoint, we believe that the Scott Act is designed and promoted for the especial purpose of benefitting the county, and is calculated to bring about good results to all living under its provisions, and that it will not work injury to any one.

A large amount of discussion has taken place, yet, so far as we can learn, no one has yet been found so blind to the public interest as to, for one moment, argue that the sale of intoxicating liquors is a desirable business to be continued. Opponents of the Act have studiously avoided the direct point as to whether the business is a curse and a crime, and have sought to divert attention from the real issue by vague allusions to the barley and hop questions, vested rights, compensation, personal rights, loss of revenue, and other fallacious issues. These are cries raised to confuse the electors, and are prompted by the selfish desires of a few to make money and an easy living, regardless of the misery and extension of crime which their triumph on the 18th would involve.

But even on these side issues the opponents have been mercilessly routed, and their figures and assertions completely refuted and disproved. So completely, that since the memorable rout of their chief champion at a little hamlet a few miles from Brockville, they have abandoned their appeals from the platform, and now step quietly around under cover of the shades of night, dealing out tracts and documents which they dare not submit to noon-day scrutiny.

We believe that every social, moral, and monetary consideration of the community is directly opposed to the continuation of the liquor traffic.

We believe that this is admitted by all, excepting those few who wish to make money out of the business, and are, therefore, anxious to have the drinking usages continued.

We believe that the Scott Act is the best available means to shut up those fountains of crime and iniquity scattered all over the country, and if carried and enforced, that it will prove effectual in hastening a total prohibitory law for the whole Dominion. In the meantime it will greatly reduce the quantity of liquor sold, and put an end to the treating system and open bars now existing at every cross-road and four corners.

We believe that every person, whether elector or not, who opposes the Act, or refuses or neglects to cast his ballot in its favor, will be held responsible, in event of its defeat, for the dire effects produced by a continuance of the evil.

We believe that those who vote for, or assist in any way the passage of the Act, will have nothing to reproach themselves with, and can rest assured that, let the ultimate result be what it may, they have done all in their power to discountenance and discredit this pernicious business. Should the Act be adopted, they can have the proud satisfaction of knowing and feeling that they have been instrumental in saving some friend or relative from want and suffering.

We believe, aye, and know, that to many this will be their last opportunity of casting a ballot on this or any other question, and we ask them to calmly consider their duty to those who succeed them, and the privilege they will enjoy on the 18th of so marking their ballots that they may be ranged on the side of humanity, right, and moral progress.

Finally, we ask every elector to carefully and calmly weigh this matter, divesting himself of every false and mercenary consideration—to look at this question fairly and honestly—and then ask himself the question, "Shall I by my vote perpetuate and continue this evil, which has ruined more homes, made more families wretched, and brought more degradation and misery upon more people than all other evils combined?" We hope and trust that the answer will be an emphatic No! and that on the morning of the 18th, you will hasten to the polling place and record your vote

FOR THE SCOTT ACT.

Another old resident of the county has passed away. Asa Cornell, a resident of Rockspring, died on Monday evening, aged 77 years. The funeral will take place from his late residence to-day (17th), at 10 a. m.

Complimentary Supper.

The members of Rising Sun Lodge, No. 85 A. F. and A. M., met in the Armstrong House on Thursday evening of last week, for the purpose of entertaining Bros. S. Blancher and J. Wiltse, who purpose spending the winter in California. After partaking of a sumptuous repast, prepared by Mr. Harry Johnston, the following addresses were delivered, which were responded to in suitable terms by the guests of the evening:—

Farmersville, Dec'r 4, 1884.

Bro S. Blancher.

Dear Sir and Bro.—We again meet for the purpose of bidding you good-bye for a short time. We hope that you may enjoy your trip to the Pacific, and that you may return to Farmersville with fresh vigor to do battle for the right. Heartily recommending you to the brotherly greeting of the craft, we wish you, dear broth-

er, a prosperous journey and a safe return to your many friends and the brethren.

Signed on behalf of the officers and brethren of Rising Sun Lodge No. 85 A. F. and A. M.

Wm. JOHNSTON, W. M.

Bro. J. Wiltse.

It is with mingled feelings of joy and sorrow that we meet with you round the festive board. We sincerely trust that your health and strength have improved so as to enable you to meet with us this evening, so you may continue to improve and that when you return to our midst may be in the full possession of your mental and bodily activities. Wishing you, dear brother, a pleasant sojourn among the friends of your former days, and happy recollections of the companions of your youth, we bid you a kindly good-bye, recommending you to the fraternal consideration of all good men and true that you may come in contact with while seeking for health on the coast of the balmy Pacific.

Wm. JOHNSTON, W. M.

Yonge and Escott Council.

The Municipal Council of R. of Yonge and Escott met as per resolution (August 25th), at the Town Hall, on Monday, Oct. 13th, at 10 a. m. Present: The Reeve and Messrs. Wight, Berney, and Phelps, Councillors. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The following accounts were received and approved and ordered to be paid:—E. Mayhew, janitor of Town Hall, \$2.50 for repairs on Town Hall and meals for lunatic confined in lockup; Selectors of Jurors, \$9.

Moved by Mr. Wight, sec'd by Mr. Phelps, That the bond of Henry Rowson, Collector, and his sureties, Messrs. Kerr, Geo. Slack, and S. Rowson, dated Oct. 4th, 1884, be approved by this Council.

Moved by Mr. Wight, sec'd by Mr. Phelps, That that part of the side-road between lots 24 and 25 in the 6th con., E. of the Forced Road that crosses lot No. 24 be opened as recommended by road surveyors, and that the Clerk be authorised to advertise the same in one of the Brockville papers, and that a By-law be taken into consideration at the the next meeting of this council, on the applicants paying the cost of advertising. Carried.

Mr. Arnold was given permission to perform his statute labor for 1884, on Elma Street, under the supervision of the road overseer, work to be done in the month of October.

Mr. Phelps moved, sec'd by Mr. Berney, for leave to introduce a By-law to open and establish an original allowance for road between parts of lots 18 and 19, 8th con. Yonge. The By-law was then passed through its several readings, was signed by the Reeve and Clerk and the seal of the corporation affixed.

The Reeve was authorised to employ a land surveyor to run out the road between lots 18 and 19, 8th con. of Yonge, east of the main travelled road leading from Farmersville to Lyndhurst crossing said lots.

Resolved, That the Reeve give George Nash, overseer R. D. No. 10, an order for \$16.50 being the amount of delinquent road tax from R. D. Nos. 10 and 20 in the year 1883.

The Reeve and Dep. Reeve were appointed to superintend building of bridge crossing Wiltse's Creek at Bailey's Mill. Council adjourned.

JAS. H. BLACKBURN