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Country Talk.

Newton.

Will Angus left for his home in Newry last week.

D. Jack attended the Atwood school concert last Friday night. Who knows that Donald has not some attraction in that lively village.

Wm. Macdonald, one of the leading young men of this place, spent a few days recently visiting friends and acquaintances at Atwood.

Newton was the scene of a pleasant event on Monday, Dec. 1st, the occasion being the marriage of George Seigner to Miss Elizabeth Nuhn, both of Mornington.

We are pleased to say that Newton, for a small village, has some of the most enterprising young men to be found in Canada. A few days ago they started to lay down sidewalks and in about 8 hours the streets were lined throughout. The muddy state of the roads previous to the present frost, suggested to several of the people round here that it would be a great boon to have a nice foot-path between Newton and Millbank villages. It would benefit everyone along the line between and in these villages, as well as for miles beyond. The lumber is all that would be required and if every one interested would heartily into the matter the cost would not be missed the laying down could be done in about one day by each family sending one or two men.

Listowel.

Some of the town flyers have been out spinning over the snow and making the bells jingle.

A branch of the Epworth League was formed last week in connection with the Methodist church in town.

Mr. McEwen shipped for Mr. Ballantyne last week the September cheese from the Newry, Donegal and Elmbank factories.

A number of our young people drove out to the school concert in Atwood last Friday evening. They enjoyed it immensely.

The Lillico residence on Main street was sold on Friday, Nov. 28th by public auction by order of the judge in an action of Trew vs. Lillico. The property was bought for the Methodist church for a parsonage. It is a well-built and handsome residence, sufficient to house the family of even the most abundantly blessed good brother. They obtained it at a very reasonable price.

Winter appears to have set in in good earnest. The first days of December have been both frosty and stormy and the merry jingle of the sleigh bells is heard once more. Though the sleighing is not first-class, it is tolerable, and the wish of both merchant and farmer is that it may last, at least till after Christmas.

The town grain buyers gave gone into their winter quarters—that is, the seven by nine wooden structure used for protecting them from the wintry blasts has been brought to the front again and occupies a conspicuous place on the town boulevard at the corner of Main street. It may be a useful building, but certainly is no ornament to the public street.

The fourth anniversary of the Listowel Methodist Church will be celebrated on Sunday and Monday the 14th and 15th inst. Sermons will be preached in the morning and at 2:30 p. m., by Rev. Joseph Edge, of Clinton, and in the evening by Rev. Dr. Shaw, of Toronto. On Monday evening Rev. Mr. Edge will deliver his popular lecture, "Bring Back What You Borrow," Music by the choir. Collections on Sunday and Monday evening will be in aid of the parsonage fund.

We understand that the residents along the W. G. & B. and the Georgian Bay division of the Grand Trunk Ry. north of Palmerston are now favored with two mails daily each way. The extra service has been put on since two daily trains have been restored, so that now the people up north are better off for postal service than those along the Southern Extension and the Georgian Bay from Palmerston to Stratford. We are pleased to know that the claims of the inhabitants of the northern peninsula are being recognized both by the railway and postoffice authorities; at the same time we think the residents along the Kincardine branch and on the Georgian Bay division south of Palmerston, which include a number of important towns and villages, are entitled to at least equal consideration. At present there is but one mail a day each way on these divisions. It would be a decided convenience to have a second mail, to be carried on the regular passenger trains which now convey no mail. An afternoon mail down to and an evening mail up from Stratford would be of much service to business men and others, and as the mail car from the north comes as far as Palmerston and is there taken off, it would establish the now broken link in the mail service by being continued on to Stratford, returning on the evening train. An additional mail on the Kincardine branch, coming down at noon and going up at night, would also be of great service. We understand that an agitation is being set on foot with that end in view, and we trust that the Department will see its way clear to accede to the wishes of so large and important a section of the country's inhabitants.

Donegal.

J. M. Vipond is around again minus his finger. We congratulate Joe on his rapid recovery.

The September cheese was shipped from the factory last Wednesday and the cash distributed Monday. All the cheese has been sold.

Wm. Hemphill is preparing to put a stone foundation under his barn. Walter Johnston is also improving his out-buildings. This looks like substantial progress.

A. E. Knox has been re-engaged as teacher of No. 5, Mornington, for his third year at a still further advance in salary. Such an event as this tells its own story.

We are pleased to state that James Burke, on coming home from the Ottawa Normal, will take charge of his old school, Britton, at a salary of \$500. Jim was lucky, having no less than three schools offered him at that figure. He is worth every cent of it and the people evidently know it.

Thomas Burke takes charge of his first school after the Christmas vacation. It is No. 10, Morris. He receives \$325 for a start, but we feel sure that after Tom has been running that school six months the trustees will find a way of showing him that his services are appreciated. We have no doubt of his success in the teaching line.

Following is a report of the three best pupils in each class (in senior third class there are 20 pupils, hence five names appear) of the Donegal public school for the month of November:—5th Class—Mary A. Wilson 76, Eliza J. McClellan 75, Samuel Petrie 42, Senior 4th Class—Mary E. McCourt 86, Robert G. Irvine 65, Louis Wilson 62, Junior 4th Class—John Foulston 48, Eliza McFarlane 37, Thos. McFarlane 36, Senior 3rd Class—John A. Matheson 71, Maggie Cooper 66, Robert Barton 65, Thos. Barton 64, Evelyn McCourt 57, Junior 3rd Class—Eva Baker 79, Sarah McNicol 75, Willie S. Buchanan 58.

Elma.

Miss Mary Robinson, of Atwood, is the guest of Miss Margie Hume this week.

Robert Hamilton, lot 6, con. 10, purchases having a stock sale on Monday, Dec. 15th, at 1 p. m.

Hugh Anderson is preparing to put a stone foundation under his barn and otherwise improving it. Success to you, Hugh.

Considerable logs are being hauled to the Atwood saw mills this week. People are taking advantage of the sleighing.

Our new serial, entitled "The Story of a Story," commences with this issue of THE BEE. Subscribe now and get the initial chapters. It promises to be good.

Joseph Morrison left on Tuesday, 8th inst., for Wiarton, where he intends working in the lumber woods for the winter months. Somebody will be lone some.

Mrs. A. Edgar, of Ayr, who for some time past has been visiting her parents, A. W. Gray, 10th con., left this week for her home accompanied by her brother Adam.

On Thursday afternoon, Dec. 18th, a public school examination will be held in S. S. No. 2. The parents in the section and public, generally, are cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. John Struthers, 12th con., is very poorly at present with an attack of la grippe. We hope she may be restored to health shortly. Should she be spared for two years longer she will be privileged to celebrate her golden wedding.

Collector Morrison is about through his work for this year. He says he had no difficulty in getting the ratepayers to "whack up," but in almost every instance the township demands were responded to willingly and even cheerfully.

Geo. W. Little had a wood bee last Friday afternoon. Six saws were kept busy, cutting wood enough to supply Mr. Little for a year. A social hop, instrumental and vocal music, recitations, etc., made up the evening's program. The recitation, "His adventure with a crocodile," by Will Vipond, was heartily appreciated as was also a song given by Alex. Sanders.

Peter Cowan, one of Elma's worthy near here celebrated his golden wedding at his residence on Tuesday, Nov. 25. Mr. Cowan was married in Perthshire, Scotland, in 1840, to Miss Grace Stewart, of Grantully, in the same shire. On this occasion, a party of over fifty of the neighbors and friends and members of the family gathered together to congratulate the genial old couple and to present them with an address and some handsome presents as marks of their respect. John Gray, of Newry, acted as master of ceremonies, and read the address, and made the presentations in a very genial, happy fashion, so that altogether a very pleasant evening was spent by both host and visitors. Part of the family of Mr. Cowan was present, and presented their parents with a congratulatory address and some tangible tokens of their esteem for the patriarchal old gentlemen and his good wife, who are the progenitors of five daughters and three sons, and now number some 25 grand-children and four great grand children. One of the three sons is W. S. Cowan, the popular auctioneer, of Stratford. The address of the children was read by a daughter of W. S. Cowan.

Ethel.

Miss Taylor, of New York, is visiting at J. M. Davis'. We are now favored with two mails per day. This has been a long felt want. Duncan Cameron, of Vaughan township, spent a few days with his brother Alex.

A final examination for 1890 will take place in the public school rooms on Dec. 19th. The teachers are preparing an excellent program for the entertainment of visitors. All who are interested in school work should attend this examination.

Grey.

Council meeting at Ethel on the 15th inst.

Mrs. Lavis, of Holmesville, is visiting her parents this week.

Miss Lottie Hill went to Burk's Falls last week on a visit to her sister.

Miss Bertha Heritage, of London, is visiting Miss Annie Smith this week.

Miss Allan, of Caledonia, returned home after a two months' visit to her sister, Mrs. Q. McEain.

Victor Smith, teacher, of Caistorville, was home this week attending the funeral of his mother, Mrs. Truman Smith.

Wm. Ramsey, who has been farming on the Tate lot, has decided to hold an auction sale on the 12th inst. Mr. Ramsey intends removing to Brussels, it is said.

Messrs. McDonald & Coombes have about completed their work for this season. They were kept very busy and got through a lot of work. Some of their principle jobs were—Mason work of Bluevale Methodist church; brick residences for Mrs. Gilpin, Howick; J. McArthur, Morris; Joseph Coombes, Blyth; the stone work and first story of Capt. Stretton's new block, Brussels, and stone stabling and foundations for barns belonging to Messrs. Laidlaw, Pipe, Snell, &c.

CHRONIC HOME.—It is our sad duty to chronicle the death of Mrs. Truman Smith, Grey township, at the age of 50 years, 9 months and 9 days, on Thursday, Dec. 4. Deceased had been ailing for some years with what appeared to be indigestion and for which she consulted some of the leading physicians of Ontario, including Dr. Graham, of Toronto, but to no avail. In fact, the real cause of her illness was and is yet a mystery to the medical profession. Last summer, acting upon the advice of relatives and friends she took a trip to Orillia, where she spent several months with relatives there in the hope that the change of scene and climate would benefit her fast declining health. She returned home a week ago feeling little or no better of her visit. While deceased was being put to bed on Thursday night she remarked to Mr. Smith that she felt a severe pain in the region of the abdomen, and with this exception she was as well as usual. Willie and the two girls, Annie and Bella, had retired for the night, little thinking as they kissed their mother good-night they would never see her alive again. But such was the sad reality. At fifteen minutes to 9 o'clock Mr. Smith was startled by heavy breathing and instantly bounding out of bed saw his life's companion in the throes of death. He immediately summoned the family, but only Laura and Willie hastened to the bedside in time to see the spirit of a devoted wife, a loving mother and an able Christian, pass peacefully home to its God. She died without a pang of agony, and her face bore that same calm and peaceful demeanor that so characterized her in life. The subject of this sketch was married to her now sorrow-stricken husband about twenty-five years ago, and unto whom was born four children, Victor, Willie, Annie and Bella. The two boys are teaching school, the former at Caistorville, Ontario, and the latter in Grey township. Mrs. Smith has from her childhood lived an exemplary Christian life, and was a consistent member of the Methodist church. Her bright and hopeful testimony at the class-meeting every Sabbath morning was a source of inspiration to every member. In almost every department of Christian work she was identified, and while the church will sustain the loss of a consecrated life member, the home will feel the heavy affliction much more keenly. "What is home without a mother" will seem painfully realistic in this family circle, and indeed we know of few instances where the family tie was more sacredly and lovingly regarded. As the family gathered around the casket, Sunday afternoon, to take a farewell look into the face of their mother the scene was heart-rending. Only God and those who have experienced it know the depth of meaning in tearing from the hearts of a family the mother. Truly, "God's ways are not our ways nor His thoughts our thoughts" therefore we must bow in humble submission to an all-wise Providence, for good to them that love God." The pastor of the church, Rev. S. Sellery, M. A., B. D., conducted a brief service at the house, after which the mournful procession—over a mile in length—wended its way to the Brussels cemetery. It is hardly necessary to add that the sorrowing family have the heart-felt sympathy of the community in this their hour of deepest affliction. A memorial service will be held in the Methodist church, Brussels, next Sunday morning conducted, by Rev. Mr. Sellery.

Turnberry.

D. McLaren spent Sunday with friends here.

Eli Bott is again able to be about after having suffered severely from a cold.

Dr. Fraser, an eminent divine, lectured in Bluevale last Tuesday, on work in Formosa.

Jas Bently's auction sale was in most respects good. Stock, with the exception of horses, brought handsome prices.

W. D. Bently arrived a few days ago from Manitoba and Dakota. Wes still thinks more of Ontario than either of the prairie provinces.

The new Methodist church, Bluevale, will be opened Sunday, Dec. 18. Dr. Potts, of Toronto, is expected to conduct the opening services.

The revival services held in Salem Methodist church for the last month have been brought to a close, much good having been accomplished through the efforts of the pastor, Rev. Mr. McLaughlin, and the congregation.

Pool.

Miss Kate Burnett returned home from Galt last Friday. Her cousin, Miss B. Burnett, accompanied her and will remain here for some weeks with friends.

The concert in the school house on Friday night, Dec. 5th, was a decided success. Mr. Chalmers, secretary-treasurer of the section, occupied the chair in a manner acceptable to the audience and proved himself equal to the occasion and is evidently to the "manor" born. The pupils performed their part of the program in a manner reflecting great credit upon themselves as well as their teacher, Miss Richmond. Their kindergarten songs were most enthusiastically received by the large audience. Mr. Thompson, teacher of Millbank school, read a very thoughtful and scholarly essay upon the best method of inspiring patriotism amongst the pupils of our public schools. Mr. Hamilton, teacher of S. S. No. 1, made one of his inimitably humorous speeches, ending up with a brilliant elucidation of the present educational outlook of the country. Recitations suitable to the occasion were delivered by neighboring teachers, Misses Dewar, Dunsmore and Boyd. The receipts of the evening were \$23.00.

Brussels.

A good coating of gravel has been put on the Grand Trunk yard here.

Miss Pauline Olliver is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Leekie, in Toronto.

J. H. Sparling, brother of Mrs. Watson Ainley, is home from Neustadt.

T. Fletcher and wife spent Sunday and Monday with relatives in Lucknow.

Capt. Ida Sweet, of Glenora, is now in charge of the Brussels corps of the Salvation Army.

Mrs. G. A. Deadman and children returned from a visit to her parents in Stratford last Tuesday.

Rev. R. Paul supplied the pulpit in the Methodist church, Harriston, in the absence of Rev. Wm. Smyth.

R. S. Pelton, editor of THE BEE, was in town Sunday attending the funeral of the late Mrs. Truman Smith.

Rev. John Ross, B. A., will give an address at the Y. P. C. A., in the Methodist church, next Monday evening.

The Royal Templars of Temperance in this place, have, by resolution, become a branch of the Dominion Alliance.

We had a small sample of what our electric light will be like Monday evening. It is expected to be in full blast this week.

The Methodist Sunday school are practicing a cantata entitled, "Bells of Xmas," which will be given shortly after Christmas.

Some sneak thieves visited W. Smith's last Saturday night and helped themselves to about 60 pounds of pork. There will be more than the pork salted if the visit is repeated.

Rev. C. Fish, of Toronto, preached in the Methodist church Friday evening and also delivered two excellent sermons last Sunday. For a man over 70, Mr. Fish is a marvel.

Councillor Ainley shot one otter and trapped another in the river above the dam inside of a week. This makes three otters for him this winter. The skins are worth about \$10 each.

Anniversary sermons in the Methodist church a week from next Sunday. Rev. John Ross, B. A., will preach in the morning, and Rev. S. Sellery, M. A., B. D., in the evening. On Xmas night the annual tea meeting will be held.

A petition is being circulated in town headed by the Reeye, asking for a mail service on the noon and night trains. The petition will be presented to the Postmaster-General through Dr. Macdonald, M. P. for East Huron.

A. Koenig is having the corner store of the Rogers estate fitted up for a hotel until he can have a new brick structure erected next spring. He purposes putting up a shed on the north side of his lot for the convenience of the farming community.

Municipal nominations on Monday, 29th inst., between 12 and 1 o'clock. The polling places for Brussels (if there is an election) will be at Johnston & Cochran's shop and the Council Chamber, with Ronald McNaughton and Wm. Aldridge as Deputy Returning officers.

Stratford.

Jingle, jingle, bells. Saturday's market was the largest so far this year.

The Model School examinations began Monday.

A number of citizens are suffering from la grippe.

The police court has been supplied with real cane, hand painted chairs. Fines will be heavier until these are paid for.

Trowbridge.

Robt. Oliver left here last week for Wingham where he intends spending the winter.

Don't forget the school concert, to be held here on Friday evening, Dec. 12th. A good time is expected.

We are pleased to hear that Thomas J. Later has been engaged as teacher in a school near Moorefield for the year 1891.

Miss Molly Nesbitt, from Roland, Manitoba, arrived here last Saturday. She intends spending the winter with her grand parents.

Mr. Later, carriage builder, has been doing quite a business lately. He has sold quite a number of fine buggies, cutters, sleighs, &c.

Wonders will never cease. We understand that our friend Thos. Jackson is away getting married, and we will believe it when we see him arrive with his bride.

Death has again visited our neighborhood. On Tuesday morning Mrs. Wm. Freer passed from earth after a short and severe illness. She had been poorly for a few days, but not confined to her bed till the Saturday before her death. It was congestion of the brain she had and was unconscious from Saturday till the time of her death. She leaves a husband and six small children to mourn her loss. The bereaved family have the heart-felt sympathy of the community.

Newry.

The farmers on the 10th con., east, appreciate a good road as could be seen from the way they turned out to the graveling bee on Monday and Tuesday last.

W. G. Morrison, who has so successfully taught in S. S. No. 5 for the past two years, has secured the position of Principal in the Teeswater public school at a salary of \$500. Mr. Morrison's acquire any comment, and we congratulate the Teeswater school board in securing the services of such an eminent teacher. We are sorry to part with you, George, but our loss will be Teeswater's gain.

Mr. Alexander, Public School Inspector, paid S. S. No. 5 a rather unexpected visit last week. He spent all forenoon in the school, and before leaving he expressed himself as highly pleased with the progress and general advancement of the school. In conversation with a Newry citizen he stated that he had been examining schools for the last two months and found none equal to No. 5. This should be gratifying to our teacher, Mr. Morrison, and the section in general, coming from such a source.

S. S. No. 5 purpose holding a concert in the Town Hall, Atwood, on Friday evening, Dec. 19th. Those wishing to spend an enjoyable and profitable evening should attend. The local talent of the section will take part, also James Fax, the humorous vocalist, of Toronto, of whom comment is unnecessary, as will be seen by the following press opinions:—Seaforth Expressor: "The life and backbone of the entertainment was Jas. Fax. He was bright, sparkling and funny as usual, and he never failed to bring down the house and call forth a lusty encore." Hamilton Spectator: "The applause, laughter and encores at his every appearance were simply hurricanes, typhoons or blizzards, and the four hundred that were in the house will remember Fax. We trust he will come again, and any of our associates who secure his services can depend on a bumper house. Mr. Fax has a fund of the comique of almost unlimited character and we trust that some of our associates will draw on him again." Seaforth Sun: "The first star was Mr. Fax of Toronto. His delineations of character, his rapid answers to queries in change of costume and side-splitting comicalities, brought down the house repeatedly." The backward school boy visiting: "The charge of the Light Brigade, 'The poor Chinese and his faithless wife,' 'The foolish boy arrested for passing bad money,' and 'The finished gentleman,' shows Mr. Fax to be a finished gentleman." Harriston Tribune: "The inimitable Mr. Fax fully realized the expectations that the audience had formed. He is a comedian of a high order, and the audience were overjoyed with laughter at his every appearance. He is ever ready to respond to the encores and is not at all begrudging in his share of the program, as he, in fact, kindly consented to give more than the program called for from him. He is a perfect mimic and with wonderful rapidity and ease passes from one dialect to another and does them all well as was evident from 'Nationalities.' He has also a well trained voice and the duet he sang with Miss Stang was very fine. As an encore the y-sazs Humungdon Tower, which is always a favorite. Fax and a good laugh are inseparable."