

FARMERS' INSTITUTE MEETING.

A meeting of the Brookville Farmers' Institute was held in the township hall, Athens, on Monday last. The attendance was advertised to commence at 10 p. m., but on arrival of W. H. McNair, secretary of the Institute, he found that no arrangements had been made for a place of meeting. The council chamber of the township hall, however, was occupied by the junior class of the public school, but Chairman Barney of the public school board kindly gave an order for the teacher to dismiss the school, and in a short time the desks were taken up and chairs put in. At the commencement, only about 20 persons were present, but parties from the country kept coming in until there were about 35 farmers and a few from the village present.

Wm. Nelson, Lynn, president of the Institute, took the chair and briefly introduced the object of the meeting and Mr. Jno. Robertson of Ingersoll as the first speaker. Mr. Robertson is a fluent speaker and took for his address the subject of underdraining. He started off by saying that he was a farmer himself and had with his own hands put in hundreds of rods of tile, and anything he might advance in the way of advice would be his own experience. He read a short paper on three things to be considered in putting in drain tile—1st, to study well the nature of the soil, to be underdrained; 2nd, the proper distance apart and the depth to put down the trenches, and 3rd, the practical means to be obtained by a thorough system of underdraining. In the course of his address he stated that the use of tile drains had to be laid out and built under the supervision of a competent man, appointed by the government. In many cases that he knew of, the cost of the work had been returned to the farmer in less than five years by the increased yield, and at the end of 20 years the principal and interest would be paid back to the lenders. The advantages of this system would be far more benefited by the use of this country than in Scotland, as here every man owned his land and got the full benefit of any improvement, whereas in the old country the land was worked by tenant farmers who had to pay a rent and at the expiration of their lease, the landlord would ask for an increased rent on account of the increased value of the land underdrained, for which the tenant had already paid a heavy sum.

In reply to questions, Mr. Robertson said that in draining a side hill he always put the drains in diagonally instead of straight down the hill, as by that means he was able to catch all the water from a given area. He gave his plan of draining a field with no natural outlet. He sank a pit-hole in the lowest place and carried side drains from the upland down into it. One 6 inch tile drain leading from the pit to an outlet would save the farmer the cost of ten or twelve pits. Mr. Andrew Elliott of Galt was next introduced and spoke on the cultivation of corn for ensilage and the building of silos and feeders.

The reporter listened very attentively to Mr. Elliott's remarks and came to the conclusion that while he was a good practical farmer in his own section, he was fully five years behind the farmers of other sections. He was raising corn for silo or feeding purposes. For instance, he recommended the sowing of corn with a grain drill, stirring the ground with an ordinary harrow until the corn was six inches high, then using a cross-hoe with care in the best of the season, as it has been in previous years.

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COUNTY NEWS.

LANSLOWNE.
MONDAY, Dec. 6th.—Rev. W. R. Reynolds, pastor, read a paper on "The New Year" and preached last Sunday evening, Nov. 28th.

A young son has come to grace the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Fredenburg.
Rev. W. E. Reynolds has returned from visiting his boyhood home near Toronto.

Mr. Joseph Humphrey is again very ill, with little or no hopes of her recovery.
The meeting of the Farmers' Institute, which was held here on Thursday, Dec. 2nd, was well attended and the farmers seemed to be well pleased with the address given by Messrs. Elliott and Robertson.

GREENBUSH.
MONDAY, Dec. 6th.—Mr. Byron Lovelace has completed the sale of the finest cow barn in this part of the county, with all the latest improvements for the dairy cow. He has ex-Governor Hard's idea of stalls with water for each cow. There are two rows attached to his barn and a cellar that will hold 2500 bushels of roots. Mr. Lovelace is at present busily engaged putting in one of the Aermotor foot-pumps for supplying his water.

Miss Keitha Blanchard is attending the Brookville Business College.
Lawrence Smith has left for Athens to take position in the Reporter office at that classic village.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Keeler have returned from their wedding trip.

MALORYTOWN.
MONDAY, Dec. 6th.—W. F. Dalley called on Saturday last at the houses of the council at Brookville.

A few of the young people of this place attended the concert given by the Sons of Temperance at Lynn on Monday night.

The annual meeting of the Malorytown Union cheese factory was held in the township hall on Wednesday evening last. The following officers were elected: G. W. Mallory, salesman, O. Foster, president, D. Foster, secretary. Mr. James Richardson of Lynn spent a few days in this place last week visiting friends.

Mr. Less Booth, a son of Reuben Booth, has secured a position as manager in a bank in St. Paul.

Miss L. Thompson of this place is engaged to teach our school for next year.

Bailiff Mallory paid Lansdowne an official call on Saturday last. Mr. and Mrs. Toronto Star that John Hamilton, reeve of Shelburne, is accused of perjury. Municipalities should be very careful in selecting their officers to get truthful, upright, honest men to fill all of the offices. There will be no trouble.

Mr. O. Beall will spend the winter in Boston, Mass.

GLEN BUELL.
MONDAY, Dec. 6.—Christmas is fast approaching and our residents are buying their Xmas novelties. A grand Xmas entertainment has been announced to take place here, and an excellent programme is in preparation to be the best of the season, as it has been in previous years.

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LOCAL SUMMARY.

Select Baltimore oysters, direct from the beds, at Sydney Moore's, 21 Smith's Falls turkey fair will be held on the 15th and 16th inst.

Come and see the bargains in men's and boys' suits and overcoats at Besch's.

Mrs. John Kelly of Altonite is in Athens this week, visiting Mrs. C. N. Niblock and other friends.

Miss Corn Deauot of Delta is in Athens this week, practicing for Miss Hancock's concert on the 17th.

Wedding stationery—fine, heavy, plain note, with double envelope—just received at the Reporter office.

The Tuesday excursion rate on the B. & W. was resumed on Tuesday last, and will be continued until further notice.

Boils, pimples and eruptions, scrofula, salt rheum and all other manifestations of impure blood are cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Mr. M. B. Holmes is this week attending the annual convention of the Beekeepers' Association, which is in session in Hamilton.

We learn with regret that Master Arthur Merrick, son of Mrs. P. Y. Merrick, Whitestree, is seriously ill with measles.

The other day a dog belonging to Mr. Richard Horton of Escott killed a large otter at Van-on's Pond. The animal measured over four feet in length.

Last week thieves visited the poultry houses of four farmers in the neighborhood of North Williamsburg and stole over 200 turkeys, geese, and chickens.

The reduced rates offered by the Brockville Business College to students entering in January gives the best chance ever offered to secure a Business training.

Another successful student in the person of Theo. Service who has secured a good situation in the superior training given in the Brockville Business College.

A convention of temperance workers will be held in Arnold's hall on the afternoon of Friday next, and in the evening a public meeting will be held in the Methodist church.

Smith's Falls bakers were charged before a magistrate with selling bread not up to the standard weight. The News says that, being a first offense, they were let off easily.

It is reported that at least twenty men have perished within the last few weeks on the trail crossing the passes going to the Klondike, overcome by fatigue and cold.

Sheriff Smart of Brockville while going to his home on Wednesday last, slipped and fell on the frozen ground, fracturing his hip joint. Mr. Smart is seventy-seven years of age.

Mr. Edward Carson, Ottawa, the well known temperance orator who has been ill through overtaxing his constitution in public speaking, is now in a fair way fair to recovery.

On Wednesday evening last Rev. J. Scanlon received an appalling blow in the death of a brother-in-law, whose home was near Toronto, and he left on Thursday morning for the West.

A postcard received at the office of the Provincial Board of Health, addressed "Provincial Board of Health" and contained this request: "Please send me some symptoms of the safeguard of diptheria."

On Monday last Mr. Wm. H. Jacob, our Victoria street blacksmith, put on with the help of two assistants, 184 horse shoes. If any of our contemporaries have a man who can beat this record, trot him out!

Rev. Mr. Blanchette of Frankville preached to large congregations at both services in the Methodist church on Sunday last, and in his week conducting evangelistic meetings, under the auspices of the League, commencing every evening at 7.30.

The examinations in the model school, conducted by Inspectors Johnson and Kinney, ended to-day, and this evening the students will hold their closing exercises in the lecture room of the high school, to which the public are invited.

Rev. Wm. Wright, rector of Christ Church, and Mr. Wright, left on Monday for Metcalfe in the township of Osogo, where a new Episcopal church will be dedicated on Tuesday by Bishop Hamilton of Ottawa. This was Mr. Wright's first charge and he will assist at the dedication and preach to his old congregation on Wednesday night.

On Monday last it was discovered that Mr. John Ormiston, collector of customs at Gananoque, had left for parts unknown. There is considerable speculation as to the cause of his unexpected departure, as his own family had no knowledge of his intention, but his friends are confident that his books which are now being examined by a government officer, will be found all correct.

It is said that the General Inspector of Anatomy for Ontario is fully determined to obtain for dissection the bodies of inmates of the House of Industry who die without friends to claim the remains. The Times says that the Counties Council has, to its own way of thinking, overcome the difficulty by arranging with some friends in Athens to claim the body and furnishing sufficient funds to ensure a decent burial in the cemetery on the House of Industry Farm. It seems most humane that a law should exist which makes more miserable the last hours of the poor unfortunate in this institution. The thought that their bodies are to be denied decent sepulture troubles them greatly in their last moments and interferes with their enjoyment of spiritual consolation—a divine right that no law should abrogate.

Christmas Greeting.
The time is now here to select your Christmas presents. Nothing could be more useful than something in the furniture line. Call and see my Christmas stock of Fancy Chairs and Tables, Easels, Screens, and Cabinet Frames. I have a carefully selected stock of Parlor Suites, and keep constantly on hand everything to be found in a first class furniture store, including a well assorted line of picture mouldings. All are invited to inspect my stock, which will be sold at a large discount for cash.—T. G. STRAVERS, Furniturer Dealer and Undertaker. 71

ATHENS AND NEIGHBORING LOCALITIES BRIEFLY WRITTEN UP.

Events as Seen by Our Gleaner of the Past Week—Local Announcements.
Baited Black Duck.
Mr. Bell, the returned Klondyker, was in Athens on Saturday.

For Bible, prayer and hymn books go to Besch's.

There are fourteen male prisoners in Brockville goal.

Mrs. Thos. Kerr of Greenbush is visiting friends at St. William.

Mr. H. S. Darison, Elgin, has been appointed to the position of treasurer of South Crosby.

Get your oysters from Sydney Moore, who gets them direct from the beds at Baltimore.

Mrs. Dr. Lillie has been engaged to give some of her popular songs at the concert at Singleton's on the 8th inst.

Hockey clubs are organizing in almost all the surrounding towns and villages, and Athens should lose no time in falling into line.

A poultry fair will be held at Lyndhurst on Friday next, 10th inst., at which Mr. A. McDougall will be one of the chief buyers.

Wilson & Son, butchers, will keep a supply of Oysters (selects) direct from the Baltimore beds, for sale at lowest prices.

Mr. Chas. F. Kerr contemplates running a skating rink at Elgin this winter, and signatures for season tickets are being received.

Inspector Hicks has entirely recovered from his late illness and is now attending closely to business. Several owners of nets have reason to regret his vigilance.

Mr. Richard Rowsome of Forthton now talks seriously of resigning his position as toll-gate keeper. His many friends will regret to lose his familiar face from a position which he has held so long.

S. Y. Bullis will pay the highest price for ash, elm, and basswood logs. Must be free from knots and shakes and cut 12 feet long, to be delivered at his sawmill near the station.

Get ready for another Christmas. Come to headquarters for popular presents at popular prices. Our holiday stock is full of quality, variety, beauty and good taste—scores of the nicest gifts for old and young at G. W. Besch's.

The sunrise prayer-meeting bell on Sunday last started some of our fire-fighters from their nests rather earlier than intended. The time they made in "commencing to begin to get ready to start" for the engine room is not recorded.

Mr. Joshua Legge, of Gananoque, who has been prospecting in the Michigan gold fields, returned home on Monday last bringing with him several samples of gold and silver.

Mr. Legge has staked out two claims and will return in the spring to do development work upon them.

The municipal council of Rear Young and Escott will meet to wind up the business of the year on Wednesday, 15th inst., at 1 p. m. All persons having claims against the corporation are requested to present them to the clerk before the meeting.

The village council will meet to wind up the business of the year and prepare the financial report for the past year on the 15th inst. at 2 p. m. All persons who have bills against the corporation are requested to hand them in to the clerk before that date.

Mr. Wesley Barber was visiting at the home of his brother, Dr. A. E. Barber, of Mishawaka, Ind., when the disease with which he is afflicted took a turn for the worse, and his friends here were notified. His wife left on Wednesday of last week and his mother started yesterday for Mishawaka to attend at his bedside.

In reply to numerous letters of inquiry as to when the annual of the Hunt Club's trip to the North Woods will be commenced, we would say that we are negotiating for paper and expect to be able to commence and take the installment in the issue of the 15th inst.

The fire engine was taken out for a test on Saturday last and placed at the tank at the Dowley block. It was found to be in first-class working order, and after a short test at pumping was put back in its quarters in the new fire hall. This village has been remarkably free from fire for some time. The brigades had not had to turn out for a fire in over six months.

Owners of Carr Chemical Fire Engines in Athens should examine an examination and find out whether the engine will fizz. The interior of the one in the Reporter office was explored last week, and it was found that the discharge had given way and allowed the air containing the fizz-producing juice to fall into the water reservoir. This fall should have occasioned considerable commotion in the engine, but if any such disturbance took place, we were altogether ignorant of the fact. Our engine is for sale, cheap.

Fisher's Carriage Works are turning out a lot of very fine cutters these days. On Monday last some 6 or 8 were taken away, and the full force of the shop are busily engaged putting on the finishing touches and getting others ready for customers. Fisher's carriages and cutters have a reputation for strength and finish that induces customers to come long distances to procure them. They are going off fast, and if any of our readers contemplate the purchase of a cutter this winter, they should call and see them while there is a large stock to select from.

Hard Island Honor Roll.
Following is the honor roll of Hard Island school for the month of November:
I. class.—D. M. Livingstone.
II. class.—H. Wilsoe, J. Howorth, Bryce Foley.
III. class.—F. S. Rockwood, O. Pratt, Roy Robeson, William John Foley, Vance Foley.
IV. class.—E. Robeson, Mabel Wight, Lillian Livingstone.
IV. class.—Jennie Robeson, Mollie Robeson.
Every day at school, Harry Wilsoe, O. M. Earro, Teacher.

Great Sacrifice Sale

DRY GOODS AND CLOTHING.
From now till January 1, I will Slaughter my fine stock of Dry Goods and Ready-made Clothing.

Call and see our dress patterns, 6 yds. each, 42-inch goods, all new tweeds, worth 40c for \$1.50 each; men's ulsters at \$5.00 and \$6.00 worth \$8.00 and \$10.00.

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Has just moved into his new store and is now prepared to do business as heretofore. Thanking you one and all for your very liberal patronage in the past we still seek a continuance of same, feeling we can serve you to greater advantage and to greater satisfaction than in the past.

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CORNELL.—On Dec. 1st, at Athens, wife of Dr. S. S. Cornell; of a son.

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A first class set (Lamb's) Tools in good condition. Apply to Reporter Office.

Boards Underway.
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H. R. KNOWLTON, JEWELER AND OPTICIAN, Athens, Nov. 17, 1897.

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