

COUNTRY TALK.

Newry.

W. m. Humphrey has had a severe attack occasioned by a visit of L. A. Grippe.

Poole.

Miss M. McBoag is visiting friends in Listowel.

Mr. and Mrs. Peden, of Garafraza, are visiting at J. B. Chalmers.

D. Chalmers is busy getting out timber for a new cheese factory and press room.

Mr. Niven, of Stratford, with the aid of the musical portion of the Poole residents is endeavoring to organize a singing class.

Grey.

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

W. R. Bishop paid a brief visit to the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph.

President Uriah McFadden represented the East Huron Farmer's Institute at Toronto.

Wednesday evening, Feb. 12, Prof. Chapman, of London, gave a magic lantern entertainment in Shine's school house.

P. C. Duncan, of Brandon, Man., is here on a visit for a few weeks. He has been in the west for the past seven or eight years and likes it well. Mr. Duncan is a son-in-law to Lachlin McNeil, well known in this township.

The auction sale at Donald McLaughlin's Feb. 12, was largely attended. The proceeds amounted to about \$1,300 outside of the real estate. James Duncan bought the 50 acre lot in Morris for \$700. The corner farm in Grey, which is splendidly located, was bid up to \$5,030 but as this did not reach the reserve bid the place was not sold. F. S. Scott, of Brussels, wielded the auctioneer's hammer in a capital style.—Post.

Donegal.

The revival services have been continued during the week by Rev. D. Rogers.

S. Vipond has had a severe attack of the prevailing disease. Mrs. V. is also confined to the house.

Charles Mason is preparing to enlarge his barn. When finished it will be one of the most convenient barns in the township.

J. McCracken has had severe and protracted illness in his family. Whooping cough has seized the children of a number of families.

Donegal has lost another of her fair daughters, in the person of Miss Mary Burke, who was united in marriage to James Keating at her father's residence. The knot was neatly tied by Rev. Mr. Henderson, M. A., of Atwood, in the presence of a large number of friends. The presents were valuable and useful.

At the annual meeting of the Donegal cheese factory, which was well attended, the patrons seemed well pleased with the management of the factory during the past season. The following figures were taken from the secretary's report: Total amount of milk received, 1,352,439 lbs.; cheese manufactured, 126,910 lbs.; average amount of milk to make 1 lb of cheese, 10.74; average price per season, \$4.53. The total amount realized for cheese was \$12,008.47. Alexander Mackenzie has been engaged as cheesemaker for the coming season, he is one of the best cheesemakers in the country. Mr. McAllister has rented his farm and intends devoting all his time to the management of the factory.

Listowel.

La Grippe is still doing its work. The Mechanics' Institute reading rooms are being well patronized.

Our popular auctioneer, T. E. Hay, is having a large run of sales this winter. Hess Bros. & Co. have again started full time which will greatly benefit the town.

Messrs. Kidd Bros. have sold their thoroughbred stallion, Baron Rothschild, to William Bishop, New Hamburg.

W. J. Rothwell, late of the Standard, left for Denver, Colorado, where he purposes remaining for several months with other members of the family located there.

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes gave a conversation and concert in the parish room in the rear of Christ Church last Thursday, 13th inst., for the benefit of the Guild funds. It was liberally patronized.

Stock holders in the Listowel Agricultural and Exhibition Association are notified that the treasurer is now prepared to issue stock certificates, and all parties entitled to same are requested to call at Mr. Morphy's office for same.

The firm of Shinebeine & Wildfary have dissolved partnership. Mr. Shine purposes remaining in the business, and Mr. Wildfary has started a gent's furnishing shop on Main street, next door to the Banner office. He intends to do only the fine trade.

Thos. Hamilton, of Scott's bank, left town last Monday morning for Buffalo, where he will be married to Miss Ferguson on Tuesday, Feb. 18. Miss Ferguson was formerly a resident of Listowel, and her many friends will be pleased to see her back again.

There are a few cases of diphtheria in town, in four families in all and one death has so far resulted. Precautions are being taken to prevent the spread of the disease among the school children. Families in which there are any suspicions of the disease should keep all the children at home.

At a meeting of the fire company last Friday night the following officers were elected:—R. T. Kemp, Chief; Jos. Wilson, Captain; H. Orr, Lieutenant; W. H. Jordan, Sec. Treas.; R. Scamman, R. Bulmer, J. Seaburger, W. Welch, M. Wright, W. Timm, R. Tremain, Geo. Porter, Branch and Hose.

Millbank.

James Crommie was called suddenly home last week, his mother being taken very ill.

Miss Mary McLenan and Miss Alice Willoughby, both of this town, have been visiting for the past few days at J. Grant's, Strausburg.

Johnston & Brothers, proprietors of the brick and tile yard here, are getting a large supply of wood on hand as they will run a more extensive business than ever.

Mornington.

(TOO LATE FOR LAST ISSUE.)

The Milverton Literary Society, organized Jan. 30, held its first meeting Thursday evening last. After reading and adopting the constitution a lively debate took place. The subject was:—"Resolved that country life is more conducive to happiness than city life." Mr. Munroe led the affirmative while Mr. Torrence sustained the negative. The former was supported by Messrs. Weir, Garing, Griffin and Hamilton; the latter by Messrs. Allison, Munroe, Schaefer and Appell. A warm discussion ensued lasting two hours. The deciding committee then declared the affirmative victorious. The program for next Thursday evening will consist of a debate:—"Resolved that man will do more for honor than wealth," songs, readings and recitations.

Jas Edwards, jr., late of Manitoba, is still in a low condition physically. We hope the coming spring will see him restored to health.

Avonton.

A correspondent to THE BEE wanted here. Who will come to the front?

At the annual meeting of those interested in the cheese factory in this neighborhood, on Friday, Mr. Southwick, the careful manager, reported that 1,187,271 pounds of milk were received during the past season, which made 111,374 pounds of cheese, the total value of which was \$10,329.69. Eleven tons more cheese was made the past season than in 1888. Messrs. Andrew Altherson, John Wood and John Dawe are the managing committee for this year and Henry Wood is the treasurer (re-elected).

Elma.

Wm. Little was taken ill on Sabbath, and is lying in a dangerous condition.

Our old friend Mr. Tucker who moved to Stratford about a year ago paid us a visit on Tuesday.

Mrs. L. Baechler who has been visiting her friends in St. Agatha returned home on Monday.

John Beck, who is attending the Central Business College, Stratford, spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents.

Mrs. John Grey, 10th con., is recovering nicely from an attack of la grippe; also Mrs. Hugh Wilson, of the same concession.

Wm. Heard of the 12th con., was thrown from a young horse and had several ribs broken. He has been confined to the house for some days but is recovering.

Louis Baechler is busy getting material ready for the erection of a brick residence on his farm. John Arnold is following his example. These when completed will be a great improvement to this part of the township.

On Monday last a son of Alexander Herds, of the 12th con., met with an accident. A colt which he was trying to ride reared and fell on him, breaking some of his ribs. Dr. Hamilton is attending to his injuries. He will be unable to work for some time.

Wm. Shannon, 8th con., had the misfortune to lose a valuable horse last Wednesday. It appears he tied the team to a post in front of J. Fisher's, 8th con. Grey, when the horses took fright, broke loose and ran away, striking against a rail fence along the roadside, a rail piercing the breast of one of the horses causing death in a few minutes. The animal was valued at \$150.

Monkton.

Mrs. J. C. Wilson has been down with la grippe, but we are glad to say she is on the mend.

William Gill and his good wife have been down with la grippe, but are slowly recovering.

Thos. Sherwin is around again after a few weeks illness. We hope Tom will say his prayers after so close a call.

Cheif of Police Broughton had a hard fight with a wild steer this week. We believe the gravel road got the worst of it.

THE BEE is fast finding its way into the houses of this section. Subscribe, you will say it is well spent money. Only \$1.

We hear David Swann is going into the butcher business before long. We wish David well and hope he may make a fortune.

James and Samuel Adair, while in the bush last week, seen a very large deer. These animals are not seen every day in this vicinity.

We are glad to notice Jacob Leng who has been sick for a long time is able to be around again. Jacob has the best wishes of all in the community.

Mrs. Wilford, of Oxford county, sister to William and Chas. Merryfield, of this village, was visiting friends here last week. She returned home on Saturday last.

The legal case between Mrs. Reid and Henry Webin comes off this Friday in Mitchell. An important case comes off the same day over shooting a dog in this locality.

Edward Henry has bought another fine imported horse which will be a great favorite with the people of this section as soon as he is on his rounds in the spring. We wish Ned success as he has done more for this northern section in the stock line than any other man in it.

Our village tailor runs two tables in his shop now instead of one. Eight hands work at the second table. We wish John well, May his business still continue to improve.

Charles Zeran of Atwood, is doing a good business each day he comes to our village with his bread wagon. Mr. Zeran is a good man, and all who can should buy their bread from him. Success.

C. H. Merryfield has taken out an auction license for Huron as well as Perth. Any orders left at THE BEE office will be attended to at once. Chas. H. charges nothing for sale bills or other supplies. Give him a call.

The Stratford Herald reporter of this village still continues to improve his good looks this week. He wears a pig-eon tail coat. Next week he will wear a plug hat, and the week after he gets married. Weebe unto him.

What our village is in need now is a Justice of the Peace.—A man who can issue marriage license.—A tinsmith.—A watchmaker.—A butcher, and one thousand more inhabitants, and we would have quite a village.

We understand C. H. Merryfield will hold at Huggins' hotel about the end of March a combination sale of farm stock. All who have stock to sell should have them on the list at once as we believe the sale will be one of the largest held in this section.

We understand Henry Kerg is going to be an officer in the Salvation Army shortly. Henry is a good blacksmith and we think he could do more good with the hammer than he can with his tongue in the army. However we wish him every success in the good work.

Huggins & McKenzie has ordered a large number of their new patent emery wheels which will be ready for the market in a few weeks. Every farmer should have one, as it is run by a sewing machine, and it is complete as can be, and as people buy they will say it is worth its weight in gold. We wish the firm success.

Will Harris is still improving and we rejoice that God, in his goodness, has spared his life. It was thought at one time he could not live. We are also glad to say his sister Mary is on the mend, who was also at death's door. Dr. Hamilton is to be congratulated on his success in these cases as they were the worst of the kind in the whole country.

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At a subsequent meeting of the board Mr. Trow was re-elected president, Mr. Mowat vice-president, and Mr. Packert secretary-treasurer.

The financial report shows that during the past year the company issued and renewed 2,155 policies, the amount written being \$2,393,494. The total number in force on the 1st of January was 5,156.

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