

# TO THE PEOPLE OF ATWOOD

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**Country Talk.**

Elma.

Jas. Burke commenced his duties as teacher of the Britton school last Monday. Success, Jim.

The Misses McDougall, of London, are spending a few days at R. Hamilton's, 10th con. They were in Ethel last Monday renewing old acquaintances.

James Neilson, teacher of Newton, spent several days with his former school-mates, S. Shannon and J. W. Ward, 8th con., last week.

The recent rains and subsequent freezing has rendered the concession roads quite bare, while the gravel road is little better and wholly unfit for runs.

The teacher of S. S. No. 4 was recently made the recipient of an elegantly bound volume of poems and a kindly worded address by his pupils as a token of their appreciation of his services as their teacher during the past eighteen months. Mr. Shannon acknowledged their kindness in a few well chosen remarks. Mr. Shannon has given the very best of satisfaction to the section, whose kind wishes go with him to Goderich, where he intends prosecuting his studies for a first class certificate. J. W. Ward succeeds him as teacher of No. 4.

**PRESENTATION.**—The friends of Robert Forrest assembled at his home on New Year's day to join in a sociable time and to partake of the good things of this life which were kindly provided by Mrs. Forrest. The tables being cleared Mr. Forrest called his friends to order and to the surprise of all he presented his daughters, Mrs. J. A. Edgar, of Howick, Miss Jennie at home, and his daughter-in-law Mrs. W. F. Forrest, of Elma, with gold watches of a very high order, full jewelled, Elgin movements, purchased from S. M. Smith, jeweller, Listowel. Mr. Forrest appears to be very highly attached to his family and his gifts were appreciated most cordially. The following are their sincere thanks:

**DEAR FATHER AND MOTHER.**—We are happy to meet you here to-day, the first day of the year, where we know we will always find home cheer and a home greeting. We were surprised when you presented us with such beautiful gifts, we thank you sincerely for them, and wish you both may be spared to spend with us many years to come. Your loving daughters, Maggie Edgar, Jennie Forrest, Lizzie Forrest.

W. F. Forrest and J. A. Edgar refer to the presentation in a becoming way and also expressed their thanks to the occasion. The friends were again called to partake of the good things provided by the ladies of the house, after which they departed to their seats at homes fitting that if they were spared to spend the coming year as they had spent the first day it would be well worthy of the phrase, "a happy New Year."

Mrs. James Edgar, of Howick, is visiting her parents, Robert Forrest, this week.

The municipal election occasioned very little excitement throughout the township.

Miss Reid, of Millbank, spent several days with Miss K. Richmond, 12th con., this week.

The annual meeting of the directors of the Silver Creek cheese factory will be held in the factory next Saturday, January 10th, 1891. A full representation is requested to be present.

On Saturday of last week while Willie Young was helping Will Vipond in the bush, taking out barn timber, he had the misfortune to cut his foot and had to be taken home on a sleigh to get the wound tied up. We hope to see him around again before long, however.

We regret to learn that Miss Maggie Little, 12th con. Elma, had the misfortune to fall on the kitchen floor and break her leg. Dr. Hamilton, of Atwood, was immediately called, who set the broken limb and did all that medical skill could do for the sufferer. We trust that she may be soon restored to her usual strength by skillful treatment and good nursing.

Johnson McCormick, 8th con., has been engaged as principal of the Trowbridge school for 1891. Mr. McCormick stood second highest in marks at the Mitchell Model and fourth highest in the county. This in itself is a good recommendation, and the Trowbridge people are to be congratulated on having secured his services. Johnson's many Elma friends join in wishing him every success in this his first school.

**ELMA CHEESE CO.**—The following statistics gleaned from the books of the Secretary of the Elma Cheese Co., speak for themselves:—Receipts.—Value of cheese for 1890, \$31,131.20; calls on stock, \$42.00; bank interest, \$32.56; hog account, \$7,691.75; balance from last audit, \$79.65; sundries, 75c.; total, \$31,296.16. Expenditure.—Patrons, \$26,018.72; milk drawers, \$1,474.78; manufacture, \$1,810.79; cheese boxes, \$470.34; balance on whey, etc., \$869.34; sundries, \$771.10; total, \$35,579.76.

A large number of young folks, including a load from Wingham, assembled at the residence of John Inglis, on Tuesday night of last week, to spend a social time together. After enjoying a few hours in tripping the light fantastic, supper was partaken of, at which everyone seemed to help themselves to their heart's content, and after which the former amusement was resumed and kept up till the wee sma' hours, when all departed to their several homes highly pleased with the evening's enjoyment.

On Tuesday, of last week, long strings of teams drew to Listowel station the last of the year's make of cheese from the Elma and Wallace factories, a shipment of nine cars being made by Balantyne direct to the Old Country. The factories shipped were Newry, Elma, Molesworth, Elmbank, Donegal and 3rd line Wallace, the number of boxes being nearly 4,000. This sale brings over \$25,000.00 into circulation in the country within half a dozen miles of Atwood and ought to make business move along. The largest shippers were Molesworth, who received \$6,719.80 for their shipment, and Elma who received \$6,574.40.

**HYMENEAL.**—Christmas was a doubly happy day at the home of James Newbigging, this township, being the occasion of the marriage of his two eldest daughters. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. Henderson, M. A., of Atwood, the contracting parties being John Shearer, of Toronto, to Janet, the eldest daughter, and Robert Cleland, son of the Reeve of Elma, to Christina, the second daughter of Mr. Newbigging. The ceremonies were performed at 11 a. m., the bridesmaid and best man for the former couple being J. Newbigging, brother of the bride, and Miss Maggie Shearer, sister of the groom, while there stood up with the latter couple Mr. Brock, of Elma, and Miss Kate Newbigging, cousin of the bride. Then followed a Christmas dinner and wedding feast, joined into one, whose abundance the assembled guests did ample justice to. The evening was far into the night was spent with music and dancing. Mr. Cleland and his bride took a wedding trip to Toronto, Mr. Shearer also returning home to that city with his bride. THE BEE joins with their many friends in wishing the young couples long life and prosperity.

Listowel.

The first carnival of the season will be held in the skating rink this (Friday) evening, 9th inst. It is intended to make it the best ever held.

W. M. Bruce was elected Mayor last Monday by a considerable majority over his opponent, W. G. Hay. Mr. Bricker also defeated T. E. Hay for the Reeveship.

Wm. Purcell, who for the past fifteen years has been a resident of Michigan, arrived in town a few days ago to revisit the scenes of his youth and renew his acquaintance and friendship with many of our citizens. He is a son of N. Purcell.

B. F. Brook, who has successfully carried on the business of the Listowel Woolen mill for over fifteen years, has admitted his son, J. E. Brook, into partnership, the new firm being B. F. Brook & Son. We have no doubt but that the young blood will give new life to the already vigorous concern and we heartily wish them continued success.

The Listowel foundry and wood-working machine manufactory is being again started up, a change having taken place in management. Messrs. Clime and Austin have retired from the old firm, and L. Bush has formed a partnership with Mr. Gunther of Milverton, who is a practical machinist and brings considerable capital into the business. The new firm expect to do a large business.

Newry.

**FAREWELL SUPPER.**—On New Year's eve the residence of John Gray, 10th con. Elma, was the scene of happiness and enjoyment, the occasion being the assembly of a large number of the well-wishers of W. G. Morrison, ex teacher of S. S. No. 5, to honor him with an oyster supper. The bivalves, under the supervision of Miss E. Charlton, were prepared in the most delicious manner and proving Miss C. to be a caterer of the highest order. After ample justice had been done to the piteous repast the time was pleasantly whiled away in recalling the reminiscences of the early days, singing songs and cracking jokes. The following address was presented to Mr. Morrison, the guest of the evening:

To W. G. Morrison, Esq.

DEAR SIR:—We cannot afford to allow this opportunity to pass by without expressing our sentiments towards you. Since you came among us we have always found you, Sir, a very generous and genial companion, and you have proved yourself a gentleman in the true sense of the word. We hope that prosperity may ever attend you in whatever sphere of life you may be placed, and sincerely hope that you may be as successful in the place whither you go to reside as you have been while in our midst. Wishing you the compliments of the season we bid you farewell for the present, but hope we may be privileged to enjoy your company many times in the future. Signed by the committee in behalf of this gathering.

ROBT. MORRISON, A. ALLISON, WM. GRAY, WM. ROBB, WM. MORRISON, JOHN COWAN.

Mr. Morrison feelingly replied to the address. Following are the names of those present: Mr. and Mrs. Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McMane, Mr. and Mrs. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. John Cowan, Mr. and Mrs. Gilmer, Mr. and Mrs. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Humphreys, Mr. and Mrs. Gray, John Morrison, Newry; Miss Mary and Aggie Morrison, Duncan McLuttre, Miss Annie McLuttre, Charles Clarke, Miss Annie Keillor, Miss Jessie Simpson, Wm. Robb, Mr. Danbrook, W. G. Morrison, Alfred Allison, John Allison, John Irwin, Misses Gilmer, Arthur Robb, Andrew Robb, Miss Robb, Miss Linham, Dan Linham, Dr. Rice, Miss Fisher, Miss Nellie Charlton, Miss Mary Gray, Willie Morrison, Wm. Gray, Samuel Gray. The evening's entertainment being now formally over the younger portion of the gathering indulged for a few hours in the mazy dance to the sweet strains of the violin. The company expressed themselves as being highly pleased with the evening's enjoyment, and your correspondent hopes that he may be favored with an invitation to a similar gathering in the future as he flatters himself to be able to vie with any compeer at such a disposal of yards.

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Atwood, Jan. 1, 1891.

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