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BETHUEL LOVERIN,  
Publisher and Proprietor.

## Morning Stroll No. 2.

### Among the Farmersville Industries.

The invigorating morning breeze had almost subsided and the sun was high in the heavens before we were ready for to take our place in the "rig" and accompany our friend and guide to the mills owned and run by that prominent member of the Counties' Council Jas. B. Saunders, Esq. Entering the basement of the building we found a large steam engine fitted with all the modern appliances and improvements. In this department is also an immense water-wheel which is capable of driving all the machinery when water is plentiful. The time during which water power is available, we were informed, is about five months in the year. The fuel used is wholly sawdust and the refuse of lumber, so that by this excellent method of disposing of waste material, the current expenses are somewhat lessened, and at the same time the yard is kept comparatively free from encumbrances. Proceeding to the next flat our attention was directed to a saw mill on one side of the building and a grist mill on the other. The saws used are circulars of various sizes. The logs are oak, elm, ash, basswood, pine and maple. For the last three years large quantities of elm have been sawn to make material for cheese boxes. This mill will cut 10,000 feet of lumber a day. As some of our readers may not know exactly how lumber is made we shall endeavor to explain the process to them. The log is first hauled out of the pond, then placed in position on the trucks and brought before the saw. A slab is taken from it, another from the opposite side and so on till it is reduced to a rectangular form. This is then cut into inch boards or planks as may be required. The log is handled by machinery under the skilful management of one of the workmen. After spending some time in the sawmill we stepped into the gristing department. Here we found everything in shape, the laborers hard at work grinding wheat and "chop." The miller, who, by the way, is a good natured, genial fellow, informed us that he can grind 100 bushels of wheat and 300 bushels of coarse grain per day. A heavy gristing business is done here, and in addition to this large quantities of flour are manufactured to supply the in-

creasing demands of both local and distant flour and feed stores.

We next turned our attention to the upper flat, where we found a planing machine, shingle mill and cheese box factory. Mr. S. told us that he made 27,000 cheese boxes last year, and that he expects to do as well, if not better, this season. We watched closely the workmen engaged in cheese box making and learned several things about it which is now given to the public. The material for the sides of the boxes is made of one-quarter inch elm lumber. These are passed through the planing mill and thus reduced to proper thickness, being first made of 12 per length. The bands are made of the same stuff cut into narrow strips. The bottoms are sawn from boards of the same thickness, the shape and position of the saw being such that it cuts the pieces exactly the size of the bottom of the box. At last the parts are neatly nailed together and the article is ready for use. The planing mill, we understand, is considered a valuable addition to the establishment, as it saves much hard manual labor and leaves the boards as smooth as they would be had they been planed by hand.

The shingle factory makes about 250,000 yearly. The process of manufacture is interesting to the beholder, but not at all pleasant, we should judge, to the one who attends to the saw. Indeed, the pitiable condition of the operator's eyes carried our mind back to boyhood's days, and we thought of certain sports which had a very damaging effect upon the visual organs and occasionally produced a series of most brilliant subjective fireworks well fitted to teach the youthful mind that discretion is frequently the better part of valor.

After spending a pleasant hour amidst the hum of machinery, and in the company of the kind-hearted and sociable workmen, we bade our host good bye, thinking that the man who superintends the business of a saw mill, grist mill, shingle factory and planing mill combined, has almost as much brain work to do as an editor.

In our next issue it is purposed to give a sketch of another morning stroll.

### MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

#### TOWNSHIP OF REAR OF YONGE AND ESCOTT.

The municipal council of this township met at the town hall, Farmersville, on Tuesday, May 27th, and organized as a Court of Revision in accordance with the statute. R. E. Alguire, deputy reeve, in the chair.

The following appeals were before the council:

1. Appeal of B. Scott for reduction of assessment.
2. Appeal of E. C. Bulford for reduction of statute labor as charged against him.
3. Appeal of Joseph Thompson for reduction of assessment.

They were disposed of as follows: No. 1, assessment reduced \$100; No. 2, appeal dismissed; No. 3 assessment reduced \$100.

The following applications were then heard and by resolution disposed of as stated:

1. Application of Ebenezer Rockwood to be assessed for part lot 18, in 11th concession for \$200, and assessment of N. Hollingsworth to be reduced that amount. Granted.

2. Application of Frederick Cross to be assessed as tenant in place of Mansell McVeigh for lot 4, B 5, Farmersville. Granted.

3. Application of Levi Compo to be placed on the roll as tenant of part of lot 8, 9th concession, for \$200. Granted, and ordered that assessment of Dr. J. G. Giles be reduced by that amount.

4. Application of Hiram Hawkins to be placed on the roll as tenant of part of lot 8, 9th concession, for \$200. Granted, and ordered that assessment of Dr. J. G. Giles be reduced by that further amount.

5. Application of Wm. Bolton to be placed on the roll as tenant of part of lot 14, 10th concession, for \$200. Granted and ordered that assessment of Amos Wiltse be reduced that amount.

Mr. Saunders moved, seconded by Mr. Wight, that the clerk be, and he is hereby authorized to make the necessary changes in the assessment roll, in accordance with the resolutions passed at the court of revision. Carried.

The court then by resolution adjourned to meet at 1:30 p. m. for transaction of township business.

1:30 p. m.—The council met as per resolution. Present, the reeve and all the members of the council.

The following petitions and accounts were read and laid before the council by the reeve:

Petition of M. R. Bates and others for assistance in repairing a certain road on town line between Elizabethtown and Yonge, leading from Addison to Bellamy's mills.

Petition of Thos. Moulton and others for assistance towards repairing a road in road division No.

Petition of N. Shea for the opening of side road between lots 24 and 25 in the 6th concession.

Account of R. Blanchard for ladders for town hall amounting to \$5.60.

The above accounts and petitions were by motion received.

Mr. Alguire moved, seconded by Mr. Wight, that L. N. Phelps be appointed to act with any person appointed by the township council of Elizabethtown to see to the fixing of the road leading from Addison road to Bellamy's mills. Carried.

Mr. Berney moved, seconded by Mr. Wight, that the petition of Thomas Moulton and others be considered, and that the sum of \$20 be granted and that the reeve give an order on the treasurer for the same, also that Mr. Moulton be appointed a commissioner to expend the same. Carried.

Mr. Phelps moved, seconded by Mr. Berney, that the account of Mr. Blanchard of \$5.60 for ladders for town hall be paid, and an order be given by the reeve for the same. Carried.

The following grants were made: To David Brown \$2; Sabrina Wiltse for her deaf and dumb daughter \$5.

It was ordered that the minutes of the council be published in the Farmersville Reporter, cost not to exceed \$1 per meeting. Also that the sum of \$10 be expended on repairs of road division No. 23 under the direction of Mr. Thos. Berney, appointed a commissioner to expend said amount.

By resolution the reeve was instructed to purchase a scraper for road division No 1, cost not to exceed \$4.

Mr. Wight moved, seconded by Mr. Phelps, for leave to introduce a by-law to open the 10th concession road in rear of lot 18 in the 9th concession of the township of Yonge. Carried.

Said by-law was then introduced, went through its several readings and finally passed, entered as by-law No. 208, to open the road allowance in rear of lot 18 in 9th concession of Yonge, and was signed by the reeve and clerk and the corporation seal attached thereto.

The application of N. Shea to open the side roads between lots 24 and 25 in the 6th concession was laid over until next meeting.

By resolution the reeve, deputy reeve, G. P. Wight and the clerk were appointed a committee to re-arrange polling sub-divisions in the township.

There being no further business the council by resolution adjourned to meet again on the first Monday in July 1884.

JAMES H. BLACKBURN,  
Township Clerk.

### Scott Act in Kemptville.

[From our own correspondent.]

A meeting for organization to prosecute the Scott Act campaign in this municipality was held in the Town Hall, on Thursday Evening, June 19th. A large and influential executive committee was appointed to take immediate and vigorous action. The matter of publishing a paper advocating prohibition interests in the county of Grenville was discussed, and on motion of Rev. S. D. Chown seconded by Rev. H. J. McDermid, it was resolved that this meeting request the County Executive Committee at its next meeting to take into consideration the advisability of starting a paper to be devoted to the prohibition interests during the Scott Act campaign. The Committee was requested to call a mass meeting of the citizens of Kemptville to hear a discussion of the Scott Act, as soon as convenient after the necessary petitions to be signed by the electors are received, after which immediate steps be taken to secure the signatures. At a meeting of the municipal executive com. held subsequently an effective vigilance co. was appointed to enforce the present license law, pending the adoption of the act.