

be that the wheat that got knocked down is gone while what is standing although injured to a more or less extent will recover. One farmer philosophically remarked that if we don't get over half crop it is all right because we shall get double the price that we would have got if our crops were full.

Get a number of farmers together and start a conversation on the price of wheat to sell, and you will easily see who has wheat to sell and who has not. The price now in our market at Caledonia and Hagersville is one dollar a bushel, and there are people who think and believe that it will reach one fifty perhaps Sir W. Vanhorne's prediction was not such a wild one after all.

The oat crop is another bad sufferer from the frost; and the drought coming on afterwards has made many bare spots in the fields. From present appearances the hay crop will be short this year.

The peas seem to be the only crop to exist with promise; however the harvest may after all be much better than the pessimists think.

The Queen's birth day has been and gone and if the weather be any gauge Her Majesty is a great favorite. We sent our contingent to the Council House to celebrate that day right royally; one of these we regret to say succeeded in making a fool of himself by taking in a load of strong water from some where. Boys, don't you know that when you don't behave yourselves you bring discredit not only upon yourselves but also upon us who live in the same community and are trying to behave ourselves properly.

A display and noise of fireworks was seen and heard at the Parsonage on the evening of the 24th and on enquiry we found that the Sunday School Children and their parents had been invited to spend the evening there after their return from the Council House.

Quite a large number accepted the invitation and were entertained by the missionary, and the organist and teacher of the Sunday school, Mrs. Trimmings. The children were plentifully supplied with the small boys delight, firecrackers, who amused themselves with them. Sky rockets, Roman candles, &c., illuminated the proceedings, and songs recitations and speeches by the missionary, our postmaster, Mr. Elam Bearfoot, and two visitors from Burford. Misses Trimmings and Hathaway, assisted to make things agreeable and instructive. Refreshments for all wound up the affair at about 11 o'clock.

The welcome rain has come at last which no doubt will do much good. The weather has been so dry and so warm that the wheat is out in head: even those not more than six inches high are out. It would seem then from present indications that straw is not going to be so plentiful as last year.

The death of our highly esteemed friend G. R. Loft caused two vacancies in the little Church here, that of Clergman's warden, and Lay Representative to the Synod. The former has been filled by the appointment of Joseph Smith, and the latter by the election thereto of Wm D. Loft son of the deceased.

John Anderson has we understand been appointed to succeed Mr. Loft as Lay Reader and will conduct services here on Sundays that the missionary goes to Delaware.

The weather is now so hot that the children's singing practice in the church will during the summer be held at seven in the evening of Thursdays instead of at four.

Stature labor, road work is all the go just now; and it is pleasing to see how cheerfully the work is done too! Our white neighbors might with advantage take a point or two from us in that matter.

The Pagans—so called in this section have caught the fever of improvement. They are busily engaged in putting in a good and substantial foundation to their Long Hose. They are not going to be behind their Christian brethren in keeping up their place of worship in a proper manner.

The ball season on Sundays has commenced and is in full tide now.

The players meet and play every Sunday afternoon opposite Peter Atkins store and within sound of the Christian Church bell. The crowds is always very large: many who are not Pagans come to see the sport and so help it on—some whites too. There is no Dominion statute against Indians, Christians, or Pagans doing what they like on Sundays, play or work; and we are not aware that the Ontario Statutes apply to them in this matter. The feeling regarding the Sabbath day in this community seems to be advancing in the direction of keeping it in a respectful manner at least, and there is no doubt that in time if the matter is handled aright everybody Pagans and all will observe it. Considering what the white people do on Sundays on the sly there would not be such observance of it among them as there is if there was no proper observance of the Lord's day act in existence. The white people then had better not throw up their hands in holy horror too soon when they hear of what is going in the Reserve on Sundays.

Smoothtown Items.

Great was our astonishment when we found that we were not remembered in the last issue. We knew of no other way to obtain the desired information than to appoint a investigation committee composed of our leading and prominent citizens, and to give our esteemed knight of quill a gentle but yet compulsory command to make his appearance before the elected committee; to be armed with explanation; Why this shirk of duty. He came poor fellow; and a sad night for him. He looked as though he could not stand on his legs when he was to present his case and at the suggestion of one of the committee a chair was offered him but he kindly refused it; saying that it would be more becoming, more genteel more manly on his part to remain standing with his hat off during examination. Yet wite all this bravado he trembled exceedingly