

THE REASON WHY.

A Letter to the Farmers of West Huron

President Kenrick, of the West Huron Farmers' Institute gives, in the following way the Agricultural Society of the County should join the Institute.

GENTLEMEN.—As many of you are aware, a Farmers' Institute for this county was organized at Goderich on the 23rd and 25th of last month.

Having been appointed president, I deem it a part of my duty to seek to awaken an interest in this association, and I do not know of a better way than to address you in this manner to ask you for your sympathy and support.

There are now amongst us as farmers, three different societies or associations, viz: The Agricultural Society, the Grange, and the Farmers' Institute. I have no desire and no intention of saying anything against the two former, as I look upon them as necessary and as doing good work in their respective spheres, and yet I hope to be able to show that the Institute is quite as deserving of your support and encouragement as either of the others.

The exhibition of these products, whether animal or vegetable, no doubt acts as a powerful stimulus upon others to equal or excel them, but the weakness of the exhibition, as an educator, lies in the fact that it supplies no information as to the means to be employed in the production of the exhibit, or as to the profit or loss in its production.

The means of holding meetings at which farmers can meet and give and receive instruction upon those very questions which the exhibition raises in intelligent minds, but cannot answer. Thus the Institute, instead of being antagonistic to the agricultural society, is the best friend and ally.

My say, then, the object of the Grange was good, but it has, at least partially, failed in accomplishing it for two reasons, and the first of these reasons is, because it is a secret society.

The second reason I conceive to be that the Grange lost sight to a great extent of its primitive motive for existence and became a trading society—a proper enough object in its place, but it removed the Grange from the category of Farmers' societies.

Now as in the case of agricultural societies, so with the Grange, the farmers institute comes in to supply its defects. The discussions are free to all, every one, whether a member or not, may attend and take part. No matter what an individual is calling, whether farmer, mechanic or manufacturer, whether merchant, doctor or lawyer, all are welcome, all are invited, and if anyone should think the annual membership fee—25c—too much, he can come even without that expense, only upon one condition, that the discussion must be upon some agricultural subject.

Having said so much by way of comparison with existing societies, I shall now say a few words as to the Institute itself. Its constitution is very simple and inexpensive. It is as follows: The Government grant to Farmers' Institute of \$25 per annum is payable subject to the following conditions and regulations. 1st. That one institute may be organized in each electoral district of the province, exclusive of the city of Toronto.

2nd. That each Institute shall be composed of not less than fifty members, who shall each pay a fee of not less than twenty-five cts. annually. 3rd. That there shall be an Executive or Board of Management, consisting of a President, Vice President, a Secretary and Treasurer, and five or more directors, and a majority of the board shall be practical farmers.

4th. That the Institute shall hold at least two meetings each year, in different parts of the electoral district, for the discussion of agricultural subjects. That a sum not less than the Government grant shall be voted to each Institute, by the council of the county in which the electoral district is situated.

The number of meetings of an institute may be as many as the officers and members see fit to hold during the year; but in order to secure the grant, there shall be held at least two meetings for the discussion of agricultural subjects. I think the primary object which the Government had in view in calling these institutes into being, was perhaps to utilize and popularize the talents and abilities of the different professions in the Agricultural College at Guelph, as they are expected to deliver addresses at the different meetings held during the winter vacation, and it is a great advantage to the farmers that the knowledge, theoretical and practical, which these gentlemen possess, should be placed so freely at their service and for their benefit.

But the institutes can hold meetings even though none of the professions are present, or they can invite other gentlemen who are known to possess the requisite information or abilities in place of the professors. So much then for the constitution and object of these institutes. A word now in closing to yourselves personally.

COUNTY CURRENCY.

Pencilings and Scissorings from Exchanges.

Items from all over Huron County, called Clipped and Condensed—Fifth and Sixth. The price at the discretion from our Exchanges.

Ed Melson, Brussels, had his face badly cut by a piece of metal flying from a lathe at which he was working. It was a close call.

The dog poisoner Bourgeois in Brussels village. A large St Bernard belonging to J. Hargreaves, was the latest victim of his art.

As Donald Lambert was unloading cedar logs at the saw mill, Ethel, he had the misfortune to get his arm between two logs, breaking it.

A little daughter of Mr. Wasson, blacksmith, Blacvale, fell down stairs about two weeks ago, and was so badly hurt that she died last Saturday morning.

Mrs. James Chesney, of the 2d con., Tackermans, is laid up with a severe attack of palsy. They have the sympathy of her neighbors and friends in their affliction.

Mr. Sherritt, known in this neighborhood as "the blind preacher," died very suddenly from paralysis, in Michigan, a few days since, where he had gone on a visit.

The monthly horse fair at Brussels, on Thursday of this week was an immense success. There were 12 buyers in attendance and a large number of horses changed hands at good prices.

Master Doherty, Clinton, grandson of Mr. G. Swartz, was run over by a sleigh the other day, but was as lively and spry a few minutes after as ever, he was fortunate in escaping so well.

Brussels youths are not behind the age, a new inventor has come to the front in the person of Leslie O'Connor, who in his leisure moments, has arranged a telegraphing machine, which appears to work very satisfactorily.

Mr. Thomas Ward, of Varna, recently sold his thoroughbred bull to Mr. Robert Winter of Seaford, for beef, for the sum of \$55. He weighed 2930 pounds. He was a handsome animal, and had been sent to Montreal to feed the Frenchmen there.

The other evening some low down scamps broke into the house occupied by the officers of the Salvation Army, Clinton, stole therefrom a couple of articles, and on Monday night some person was mean enough to break four lights of glass in the barracks.

Mr. Samuel Scarlett, jr., after an absence of eight years, returned to the parental roof, Winthrop, last week from Calgary, Northwest Territory, where he has been located for a couple of years. He likes that country very much and prefers it to Ontario.

Mr. Ab. Geiger, who lives about a mile and a half south of Zurich, caught this winter nine foxes. He had them in town the other day. They are all a good size. This is something that has not been done in these parts for many years. He also had two skunks.

Last week, when it was found that George Howett, of the 12th concession, Hulletts had lost nearly all his worldly effects by the burning of his house, some of his neighbors went to work and raised by private subscription a sufficient sum to purchase new furniture for him, which they kindly presented to him.

Thos. McGregor, 9th con., Grey, has secured a patent for his work on a gear combined, "The Sawyer's Guide." Judging from the large number of testimonials from practical men, well qualified to express an opinion. It is pronounced the best of the kind ever introduced to the public and should sell like hot cakes.

As W. Bawinheimer was coming out of the bush near Henfray, with an elm log about three feet through, the sleigh upset and he got caught between the log and a tree, bruising his hip very badly. Fortunately help was at hand to get him out of the fix, or he might have been there for some time. He is getting all right again.

The Clinton News-Examiner says: There is a youth in town who is laid up with a case of double pneumonia, and at one time his breathing reached 60 a minute. The singularity connected with this is in the fact that the medical authorities used to cough that no patient whose breathing reached 50 could live. Yet this youth's exceeded that and he still lives, with a prospect of getting better.

Mrs. Jos McCluskey, of the 3rd con., Goderich township, has a piece of ribbon that is three inches wide and two nearly 250 yards. It is in a good state of preservation yet. She has 13 cups and 12 saucers, a tea pot and a sugar bowl of china, that was presented to her mother at her wedding in 1826. There is not a crack in one of the pieces, and the handles too are all perfect.

Wednesday night, last week, some persons entered the blacksmith shop of S. Plum, near the bridge, Brussels, and stole a full set of dies, taps and stocks, valued at \$15 or \$18. The shop is always kept locked at night, but on this occasion the door was not secured and the thief evidently watched for the golden opportunity. Mr. Plum was forced to send away for a new set of these necessary tools on Thursday morning.

W. Willis, some years ago a clerk in the post office, Seaford, who for the past eight years has resided in Manitoba, is in that town just now visiting friends. Mr. Willis has prospered in the Prairie Province. For five years he held the position of land valuator for the Canadian Pacific Railway, but he now resides in Birtle near which place he has a large farm. He still, however, extensively engages in the land business, and as he has a thorough knowledge of the country he would be pleased to give any intending settlers such information as they may desire.

THE PEOPLE'S COLUMN.

FOR SALE—A GOOD 6-YEAR OLD HORSE.

Also a small second-hand upright piano—\$25. GEO. W. THOMPSON, 7-11 Home.

BOY WANTED—TO LEARN THE PHOTOGRAPHIC BUSINESS.

TAKE NOTICE THAT WHEREAS my wife Annie Eady has left my bed and board, I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by her in my name. Dated January 30th, 1888. JOHN HARTLEY.

TENDERS WANTED.

IMMIGRATION TO MANITOBA.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

LOGS & HEADING WANTED.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE HURON AND BRUCE LOAN AND INVESTMENT CO.

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FINE TAILORING.

On account of the lateness of the season, I have marked down all my Overcoats and Suits. Buyers in want of an Overcoat or Suit should not fail to inspect my Large Stock before purchasing elsewhere. In comparing Goods, Quality, Trimmings, Workmanship and Style, you will unquestionably save 20 per cent on any quotations given you elsewhere. Remember me when you are in the work. Goderich, Dec. 9, 1887. B. MacGormac.

ABRAHAM SMITH.

IS OFFERING SPECIAL BARGAINS IN CLOTHING.

THE BEST STOCK OF CLOTHING.

IN WESTERN CANADA AT THE LOWEST PRICES.

For Sale or to Let.

TWO FIRST-CLASS FARMS FOR SALE.

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Loans and Insurance.

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Saturday afternoon was a large gathering.

The Captain and crew of Goderich, who at December 1885, it was the American schooner of Cleveland, laden with bound from Escanaba, driven on Zaca, a coast of Goderich, where at the waves beating on previous days she had steered her having able all efforts to keep her from being driven on shore.

Although being the rescuers from the disabled vessel consisting of the crew of five men, and one woman, they were all, in addition to the fact that they had provided the means for the rescue of the crew of the vessel.

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