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## COMMUNICATIONS.

We wish it distinctly understood that we do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.

## BEWARE!

To the Editor of THE BEE.

DEAR SIR:—Many persons receive by mail circulars of various kinds announcing medicines, cure-alls, etc. There is a Dr. R. in Toronto, (name and street withheld at present) who sends out circulars and offers to cure diseases of the brain, nerve, private diseases, etc., and if you answer the questions sent in circulars, and return them to him, with a three-cent stamp, he will tell you your state and cost of treatment, which is usually from \$30 to \$50. If you do not take treatment from him, he then sends you a bill for \$5 or \$10 for consultation, and informs you if it is not paid within a few days it will be placed in solicitor's hands for collection. Let the readers of this article beware and avoid all such, by at once destroying their sheets and having nothing to do with them.

Atwood, Nov. 24, '90.

## THE BEE ABROAD.

COMPLIMENTARY NOTICES FROM THE PRESS OF ONTARIO.

THE ATWOOD BEE has been very busy with a Pioneer Number, and has great reason to be proud of the results of its labors.—Palmerston Telegraph.

THE ATWOOD BEE issued a Pioneer Number last week. It is printed on pink paper, and contains twelve pages, and is a credit to the energetic publisher.—Wingham Times.

THE ATWOOD BEE published last week a special Pioneer Number, replete with interest to its readers and highly creditable to itself in point of typographical execution.—Acton Free Press.

THE ATWOOD BEE published a double number last week, containing a considerable amount of information of a local and general nature. THE BEE man's enterprise is commendable.—Listowel Standard.

THE ATWOOD BEE has issued a creditable Pioneer Number. The paper is filled with well-written and original reminiscences. THE BEE man is to be commended for his enterprise.—Stratford Herald.

THE Pioneer Number of the ATWOOD BEE is before us. It is well got up, and filled with the news of the day in attractive style. We hope THE BEE will make home, and not use its sting too frequently.—Walkerton Herald.

THE ATWOOD BEE has issued a Pioneer Number in pink. It really is a daisy and a credit to the office. It surpasses anything of the kind yet attempted in any of the small offices outside the cities.—Mitchell Advertiser.

THE ATWOOD BEE came to hand last week on a rich pink paper, composed of twelve pages. It was called the Pioneer Number. The paper was well got up, the workmanship comparing favorably with any city journal. We are glad to see that brother Pelton is prospering.—Wingham Advance.

THE ATWOOD BEE published a 12 page edition last week on pink paper, giving the history of that enterprising burgh, Elma township, etc. It was a most creditable out-put. If the people of Atwood don't give hearty support to THE BEE they are standing in their own light, plain enough.—Brussels Post.

A BUSY BEE.—THE ATWOOD BEE of last week was issued as a 12 page Pioneer Number, filled with letters descriptive of pioneer life in that section and printed on pink paper. The editor of THE BEE knows how to "get a move on" and deserves credit for his efforts, as he issues a paper that is much ahead of the place he lives in. The only mistake with the Pioneer Number is the pink paper; white would have looked better and been easier to read.—Clinton New Era.

The Pioneer Number of THE ATWOOD BEE came to hand last week printed on pink paper, containing 12 pages. Bro. Pelton's "concentrated efforts" well deserve the appreciation of every resident of the community in which he is situated. The Pioneer Number is one of the neatest publications we have received this fall, and displays mechanical powers which will win success every time for its proprietor. More power to your elbow, brother.—Blyth Standard.

PROPERLY NAMED.—Atwood, Perth county, has a bright paper called THE BEE. It is an industrious gatherer of news and an indefatigable promoter of the interests of the village. Last week's issue was a special number devoted to a review of the trade of the place. The village is to be congratulated upon having so able an advocate of its interests. The name is well chosen for the paper gives evidence of being controlled by an industrious gatherer of news.—Belleville Daily Ontario.

The petition against the return of Hon. G. W. Ross in West Middlesex was dismissed with costs last Monday.

The first church in Lynn, Mass., known as "the mother of New England Methodism," has voted by 21 to 34 in favor of admitting women into the General Conference.

## ELMA COUNCIL.

The municipal Council of the township of Elma met at Loerger's hotel, Atwood, on Nov. 18th. Members all present. Minutes of last meeting read and signed. Moved by Mr. Lochhead, seconded by Mr. Coulter, that the report of Mr. Bolton, township engineer, referring to the 14th con. drain, be at present received, but not accepted, in order to give those parties objecting an opportunity to substantiate their statements from another engineer should they so determine to have it investigated, and such report must be made at the next meeting of Council and that no conclusion be come to till that meeting. Carried. Moved by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Richmond, that the Clerk be authorized to write a copy of the specifications of the 14th con. drain and give it to T. A. Stevenson, the contractor for said drain, the same having been now demanded by him. Carried. Moved by Mr. Lochhead, seconded by Mr. Coulter, that the Reeve and Clerk be authorized to sign the agreement between the Elma Agricultural Society and the Corporation of Elma and affix the corporate seal to the same. Carried. Moved by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Richmond, that W. P. Thistle's account for damages to horse be laid over for further consideration. Carried. Moved by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Coulter, that the report of the Engineer re Aitchison's award, be received and the Clerk instructed to write Mr. Leonard in reference thereto. Carried. Moved by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Richmond, that the Engineer be authorized to inspect the ditch under the application of J. Krugal with a view of re-considering award and report at next meeting of Council. Carried. Moved by Mr. Richmond, seconded by Mr. Bray, that orders be issued in payment of the following accounts:—H. Hoar 90c., irons for ditch; W. Morrison \$6.46, ditching gravel road; W. Brown \$1.50, graveling; H. Brown \$1, draining, and \$1.25 culvert boundary line con. 6; F. Curtis \$6, ditching con. 7; M. Hiles \$36, approaches to bridge con. 14; G. Chapman \$10, part payment for ditch on side road cons. 12 and 13; J. Mann \$9, gravel; A. Henderson \$2.50, repairing culvert Town Line Listowel; J. Fawcett \$4.50, ditch Town Line Elma and Mornington; F. Reid \$200, contract Town Line Elma and Logan Co. grant; T. A. Stevenson \$67, ditching and culvert Town Line Elma and Mornington, con. 14; T. Code \$22.50, gravel; A. Lochhead \$6, filling culvert gravel road; G. Broughton \$7.40, gravel and ditch con. 15; D. Davis \$13.20, ditching con. 14; J. F. Burns \$13, graveling con. 6; J. M. Callum \$16.65, two culverts ditch Town Line Elma and Listowel; J. Hamilton \$1.20, gravel; G. Crooks \$5, use of road; J. Furtney \$6, gravel; G. Chapman \$5.50, culvert and repairing ditch con. 7; M. Harvey \$6.93, postage, stationery and signing debentures; W. H. Jolly \$1, repairing bridge gravel road; E. Cleaver \$1.50, timber for culvert con. 10; J. Horne \$8.80, ditching con. 13; H. Wilson, repairing two culverts con. 10; W. P. Thistle \$4, conveying Council to and from 14th con. ditch; J. Morrison \$0c., ditching con. 10. Council then adjourned till 15th Dec.

T. FULLARTON, Clerk.

## Huron County Notes.

Corrie wants a saw mill.  
John Hanna, of Wingham, shipped 900 lbs. of honey to Manitoba on Monday, 10th inst.  
The Methodist church, Bluevale, is nearing its completion. The 4th of Dec. is the day fixed for the opening.  
A number of the friends in Goderich, of Mrs. A. Green, attended the celebration of her ninety-sixth birthday, on Wednesday, Nov. 19th, at her residence near Nile. Four generations were represented at the gathering, which comprised friends and relatives from all over the country. Considering her advanced age, the old lady is still very active.  
On Wednesday, Nov. 19th, while W. Evans was unloading wheat at the grist mill in Ethel, his team became frightened and ran away. They were not captured until they had crashed through Simpson & Son's fence, making a general tear through the yard. The animals escaped unhurt. The wagon and fence, however, showed signs of an unusual occurrence.  
Another of the old residents of Wawanosh has passed away in the person of Hugh McPherson, who died on Sabbath morning, 9th inst. Deceased had a severe attack of a gripe last winter from which he never fully recovered, having been confined to the house for a number of months. This makes the tenth death this year within a radius of three miles of St. Helens, all being adults.  
James Johnston, reeve of West Wawanosh, received two pounds and a half of Danish Chevalier barley (two rows) from the Dominion Experimental Farm at Ottawa, last spring, and tested its growth on his farm during the past season. The result was a return of ninety-eight pounds, and the roots in many instances showed as high as twenty-four heads, and the heads exhibited thirty-four petals in many cases. Wednesday 19th inst., Mr. Johnston was in town and forwarded to the Experimental Farm samples of the grain and a number of the heads intact. He claims it is the best return of any barley he has yet handled.—New Era.

## Town Talk.

REV. MR. SELLERY, of Brussels, was in the village Tuesday.  
EVERYBODY contemplating purchasing Xmas and New Year novelties will read M. E. Neads' advt. in this issue. His stock is larger than ever.

Don't forget the school entertainment to be held in the Town Hall, on Friday evening, Dec. 5th, at 7:30 p.m. A good program is being prepared.

A green label on your paper means that "your subscription has expired," and unless renewed within two weeks after being notified the paper will be discontinued.

Our local grain buyer shipped from Atwood station, from Oct. 25th to Nov. 25th, twenty-five carloads of grain, which is equivalent to 17,500 bushels. Who says Atwood hasn't a good market?

On Monday evening, Dec. 8th, the annual Bible Society meeting will be held in the Presbyterian church. The resident ministers are urgently requested to be present and address the meeting.

PRACTICAL, soul-stirring sermons were preached in the Methodist church Sunday morning, afternoon and evening, by Rev. Mr. Fish, of Toronto. The rev. gentleman is assisting the pastor in a series of evangelistic services at present, and his efforts are meeting with success. May the good work continue.

Do you want a first-class time-keeper? Do you want beautiful silverware? Do you want to get an engagement ring for Miss —? If so, read Gunther's price list in this issue and then go straight to Goldsmith's Hall, Listowel, where you can be suited every time, and at prices to suit your pocket book.

We are in receipt of a copy of the Galt Collegiate Institute Meridian, a monthly journal published under the auspices of the Literary and Musical Society of the Collegiate. Our former townsman, Wm. Lochhead, B. A., is one of the editorial staff. The Meridian is a neatly printed, well gotten up little sheet, and is a credit to the publishers.

BINDER TWINE.—The use of twine by farmers in binding sheaves of grain is becoming a source of danger to the lives of cattle. A week or two ago two valuable cows belonging to W. Mulock, M. P., of Newmarket, Ont., it is said died without known cause. On examination the stomachs of the dead animals were found to be congested with indigestible binding twine, and this discovery probably explains the loss of many other animals. Farmers should not allow the twine taken from sheaves at a threshing to go to waste among the straw.

A. A. GRAY, of the firm of Johnson & Co., Royal Art Studio, Toronto, was in town last Saturday taking orders for crayon and water color portraits. He met with a good degree of success. A sample of the excellent work done by this firm may be seen at THE BEE Publishing House. It compares very favorably with anything we have seen in the cities, and vastly superior to the majority of crayon work executed outside the art centres—Toronto, Ottawa and London. Call in and closely inspect it. Orders left with us will be promptly forwarded.

At a meeting of the quarterly board of Paisley street Methodist church, Guelph, on Monday evening, 17th inst., the following resolution was passed:—"Moved by A. Galbraith, seconded by M. McPhee, and unanimously carried, that we place on record a resolution expressing our high appreciation of the services of our pastor, Rev. W. H. Harvey, B. A., by whose industry and forcible eloquence our church has been raised to such a degree of prosperity; and further, that we extend to him an urgent invitation to remain with us another year." Mr. Harvey replied in appropriate terms to the resolution, thanking them for their kindness and confidence, but stated that circumstances made it impossible for him to pledge himself to remain with them longer than the Conference year.

RIGHT YOU ARE.—The Brussels Post hits the nail on the head when it says: "There is a great deal of sham about the election protests put in over the last Provincial contest. Charges of bribery and gross corruption were laid against both parties and the faithful were 'bied' to meet the deposit necessary in entering the protest. After a few months the charges are withdrawn about as eagerly as they were entered, in many cases a 'saw-off' being the rule, viz., one protest balanced by another. Two things are very apparent to us—1st, There is less corruption practised than people imagine or else they are afraid to have the evidence submitted to a discerning public. 2nd, People will, in the heat of an election contest, allow their judgment to be very badly warped and unduly prejudiced which on mature deliberation the step would never be taken. The wholesale protest business appears more like a political 'fake' than anything else and appears to resolve itself into a great cry for little wool." The guilty have a right to suffer but more than hearsay evidence should be considered before the Court is called into requisition.

## MONKTON.

### Its Early History and Growth.

(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.)

King Fire has at different times worked great havoc here and destroyed thousands of dollars worth of property. When dwellings and places of business were laid in ashes they were seldom rebuilt, and this is the reason why the village has decreased so much in size. A few years ago deputy postmaster Merryfield was burned out, and as the postmaster, E. Greensides, was a non-resident it became in order for a new one to be appointed. In 1882 or 1883 or thereabouts, Chas. McKenzie received the appointment and he holds in now. His deputy is A. Erskine.

It is unnecessary to describe our village as it is to-day. Suffice it to say that it does not now present the imposing appearance it once did. In former years it grew rapidly and bid fair to become a town of considerable size. Of course in late years it has grown also, but too much like the icicle on a hot day, it has grown smaller. This should not be the case. True it is the forest has been depleted of its vast wealth, but are there not other industries in which a thriving business could be done? It is a well-known fact that this neighborhood is one of the highest points in Ontario, rivers flow from it in all directions. In short it is an elevated table-land hollowed out like a saucer. Besides having this shape, it has also many geological signs which indicate that at no great depth either salt, oil, or natural gas would be found in abundance. In far more unlikely localities wells have been sunk and have been successful. Why has this place, with such promising appearances, been neglected? If an energetic, enterprising company would take this matter in hand they would be almost sure of success. Of course if such a business was carried on we would require a railway. Start this first and you will get the railway all the sooner, because it is sure to come when there is traffic to sustain it.

The situation of the village is one of the best. It is a considerable distance from any large town, and is in the midst of a fine and fruitful country. If we had the railroad, business men with capital could do well here.

Where could there be a better stand for a grist mill than in this very place. There is no such mill within a radius of six miles. Machan's mill could soon be fitted up as a grist mill, and his old engine, which is in a splendid state of repair, could be utilized. This is an excellent opportunity for the right man.

In conclusion I may say that I have endeavored to give as full and as fair a history of this village as I could. Doubtless mistakes and omissions have crept in but such are errors of memory and can be excused.

## ROBERT CLELAND.

SHORT BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF THE REEVE OF ELMA.

Mr. Cleland is a native of Lanarkshire, Scotland, where, as old records show, his ancestors have been successful farmers and tillers of the soil since at least the close of the 13th century, when the name is first mentioned in connection with the stirring events of that stormy period of Scottish history. Mr. Cleland came direct from Glasgow to Elma, where he settled on a bush farm and cleared it up, erecting thereon a superior class of buildings for that early day, when toil and privation were the common lot of the pioneer in the northern districts, remote as it was from market and other facilities. From the first Mr. Cleland was prominently identified with the municipal affairs of the township, and held severally the offices of assessor, auditor and treasurer. He has been secretary, and the active spirit of the Elma Mutual Fire Insurance Co. since its establishment in 1884. In 1887 he was elected first reeve of Elma by the popular vote, and now fills the office, having held it for eight years. In the early days of his municipal career he was largely instrumental in bringing about the restoration of the Improvement Fund in 1869. At present Mr. Cleland is prominently identified with the cheese industry; having started the first factory in the township in 1871. Last year he was president of the Ontario Dairymen's Association, and it is due to the characteristic energy of such leading spirits as his, that Canadian cheese to-day occupies an honored place in the markets of the world. As is generally known, he is one of the leading and most prosperous agriculturists of Perth county.

It is proposed by the Disciples' church to establish a Bible College in Ontario.

Mr. Justice Ross gave judgment at Osogode Hall on Saturday, Nov. 15, upon the points argued before him arising out of what has been called the St. George's bridge disaster. The effect of this judgment is that the cases are now disposed of, the result being that the jury are held to have disagreed, and that a new trial will be necessary if the case is not carried higher. The glorious uncertainty of the law again illustrated.

## Birchall's Last Words.

The day before his death Birchall intimated that he would go to the scaffold with a joke. He was as good as his word. After his arms were pinioned in the cell and as the procession to the scaffold was about to start Gaoler Cameron turned to Mr. Leatham and asked him to take the prisoner's arm. Birchall turned with a smile to his old friend and said: "Yes, old Ghost, take my arm. You often did it before in better days." "Ghost" was the name by which Mr. Leatham was known to many of the College students, having acquired the title by the powers of making himself appear and disappear so unexpectedly. When the procession started he said to his guard, George Perry, "Stick close to me, Georgie. Stay with me to the end, will you?" "Yes, Rex, old boy, I will." "When under the scaffold, and just before the black cap was drawn over his face he kissed Mr. Wade good bye and said, "Good bye, Mr. Wade, God bless you." These were his last words.—Sentinel-Review.

## Listowel.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Alexander have arrived home from a trip to New York which they enjoyed very much.

Considerable interest is being taken just now in the North Perth election petition for the unseating of Dr. Ahrens the trial of which will open at Stratford on the 8th of December before Justices McLennan and Falconbridge. Quite a large number of summonses were served on parties in this town and neighborhood during the past week.

Messrs. John Livingstone, sr., and John Livingstone, jr., and J. W. Scott purpose going to Toronto to see Mr. Stanley, of African fame, and hear his lecture on the 27th. In reply to a message sent to Stanley by Mr. Livingstone, sr., upon his arrival in New York Stanley wired our respected townsman reciprocating the latter's congratulations and expressed a wish to see Mr. Livingstone, whom he looks upon as an old friend.

At a joint meeting of the Listowel Horticultural Society and Exhibition and Driving Park Association held at the Queen's hotel on Wednesday evening, Nov. 19, the financial standing of the institution was considered. It was thought advisable to call a public meeting for the purpose of laying a statement of the Society's affairs before the public, with a view of securing if possible, a deeper interest in the Society on the part of the business men of the town and others than has been taken in the past. A public meeting Monday evening was held in the Town Hall.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

Sir Richard Cartwright is in Montreal.

The East Middlesex election petition is to be dropped.

A wholesale expulsion of Nihilists from Paris is expected.

The funeral of the late John B. Freeman, M. P. for North Norfolk, took place Nov. 25.

Mrs. Birchall and Mrs. West-Jones left Woodstock Monday for England via New York.

Dr. Bourinot delivered the last of a series of lectures at Trinity University Tuesday evening.

It is understood that the next session of the Ontario Legislature will open in the latter part of January.

It is fully expected that Mr. Parnell will resign the leadership of his party prior to the opening of Parliament.

The census of Brooklyn taken by the police shows a population of 855,945, against 808,000 by the Government census.

Five persons were killed and three more fatally wounded by a boiler explosion near St. John, N. B., Tuesday morning.

The will of the late Josiah Blackburn, of London, shows personal property \$26,689.90; real, \$2,600. The chief part of the estate is stock in the London Free Press, and it is divided about equally among the wife and children, the former getting \$5,000 worth of stock.

Permission was given the plaintiff in the case of Graeme v. The Globe in the Court of Common Pleas at Toronto on Tuesday to appeal from the order of the judge in chambers that the plaintiff should furnish security for costs. But as the proceeding in another appeal on behalf of the plaintiff from the decision of Chief Justice Sir Thomas Gait refusing an order for the examination of Birchall are stayed until security for costs is given in that case, the court would not hear the appeal in the other at present.

A Woodstock dispatch says:—"The public here are looking anxiously forward for the promised statement by Rev. W. H. Wade in which, it is hinted, he will give Birchall's confession. It is understood the clergyman will give his statement to the public after Birchall's widow leaves for the Old Country, which will be early next week. It is generally understood that Birchall did make a full confession to his spiritual adviser, and afterwards wrote the letter which appeared in the Toronto Mail denying that he had done so. The public are entitled to accept Mr. Wade's version of the affair, and what he has to say will be interesting."