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COMMUNICATIONS.

A Few Days at Home.

To the Editor of THE BEE.

DEAR SIR:—On my journey to this old spot in the township of Darlington, I dropped off and spent Sabbath, the 21st inst., in Toronto. It is a city of churches, and though I suppose there may be many who do not attend any religious services, yet it may be said that the people of Toronto are a church-going people. The churches in which I worshipped were well attended—about 1,700 in the evening congregation. I arrived at Bowmanville on Monday. The face of the country looks beautiful. The lovely maples have grown and now almost overarch the road, and the recent showers have refreshed the trees and fields. It is eight years since I was privileged to look upon these scenes. I wanted to see again the place where we passed the happy years of my boyhood. I took a trip west for a few miles to see my friend and former pastor, Rev. Geo. Leech, and on the way passed the spot on which stood (in 1860-62) the old frame school house where I got started on the path of learning. The images of boys and girls I met there came back vividly to me—the hardy, manly lads, and the pink-cheeked, bright-eyed lassies in their gingham or striped home-spun dresses. How sweet some of them looked in their home-spun frocks! They were as fresh and as sweet as the honey-suckles they placed in their hair on the way to school. When I inquired for some of them I found they had gone—some to different parts of the country and some to another world. Others are left, some mothers of families, some still "serving alone" in the old home. The rush of old memories made a mist before my eyes—shutting them for a moment the 30 intervening years vanished and I was a boy again. They were glad to see me and happy days. A dear brother who walked with me past the old mill, around the swamp and over the hill to school, is no more—gone to a sunnier clime, where there are no wild moaning winds and no chilling snows. My father, who in 1832 settled on the spot where I now write, is still living, having reached the advanced age of 78. Though he enjoys moderately good health I was affected to see the evidences of decay. There is no longer the firmness in step of former years, and even the memory which was unequalled for retaining the minutest details of all events is showing some signs of failure. He has been a Christian for many, many years, and is patiently waiting the summons to join the friends passed on before, including my pious mother, who departed this life in 1862. I would journey on in the same path, and with renewed vigor press forward to obtain the prize.

Yours, &c.

D. ROGERS.

Enniskillen, June 27, 1891.

The Newspaper Law.

- 1.—Any person who takes a paper regularly from the postoffice, whether in his name or another's, or whether he has subscribed or not, is responsible for payment.
- 2.—If a person orders his paper discontinued, he must pay up all arrears, or the publisher may continue to send it until payment is made, and then collect the whole amount whether the paper is taken from the postoffice or not.
- 3.—In suits for subscriptions, the suit may be instituted in the place where the paper is published, although the subscriber may reside hundreds of miles away.
- 4.—The courts have decided that refusing newspapers or periodicals from the postoffice, or removing and leaving them uncalled for, while unpaid, is prime facie evidence of intentional fraud.

The Influence of Trees.

It is becoming more and more evident every year that a great mistake has been made in this country by cutting the land bare of timber and leaving the farms without adequate shelter. There should be left a wood growth on all hillsides too steep to plow, and in patches and belts along all slopes that are subject to washing or gulying, and also a strip along all watercourses, there is no doubt. The reason for this is obvious. Wherever you travel half the year you will find our rivers a dirty chocolate color, laden with sand and soil. Where does it come from? It is the best part of the farms in the vicinity of the watercourses, and millions of dollars worth of farm values go down the rivers every year for the lack of proper attention to forest growth. It is washed by the rains from the fields into the brooks and rivers, because the water's edge has been planted up to, instead of leaving a fringe of forest cover along the banks. It is washed from the slopes and knolls, because they have been left uncovered, and the rain, leaking down and being unable to drain off subterraneously, has carried the soil and debris down the slopes, gulying the ground, reducing the farm value and filling up the rivers. B. E. Fernow, of the department of Agriculture, Washington, in a recent lecture said that the forest cover, with its interposing foliage and undergrowth, its protection of fallen leaves and twigs, its intricate root system and its fallen trunks and

branches, first of all retards the rain from reaching the ground and thus breaks its force, and then retards the surface drainage and prevents the rush of water as over the naked soil; and, if large areas are being denuded in a hilly country, the chances are that both the flood springs and the flow of brooks and rivers are made uncertain, because the forest, while it acts as an equalizer in time and quality of the waterflow, is cut off.

There is another influence that trees have, the absence of which is felt by the farmers in Ontario. It is the shelter they offer. Now, with the country unduly open, spring opens late. The young cattle that used to be turned out into the wood-sheltered pastures, about the first of April, now are kept shut up until the middle of May. Peach orchards that were sure to be loaded every year with luscious fruit and furnish a good crop, now only furnish an exceptional one, and apples seem to follow the same rule. Drouth in summer and floods in spring time are now frequent and more destructive because the spring tree-sheltered belt and the forest floor have been destroyed.

Thus, what the farmer is doing on his farm or leaves undone in the way of forest management is felt not only by himself, but by a large area far away from him, and ultimately the large cities which depend on the streams for power and drinking water, or for navigation, upon the regular drainage waters of the country, find themselves in danger and distress.

Improper Business Methods.

Considering the business situation the Monetary Times observes that in the dry goods trade especially there has been a very considerable clearing out of weak firms, a process which began more than two years ago and has been going steadily on ever since. The results can scarcely help being beneficial to those who still hold their ground, and the way ought now to be open for some years of good business. Competition had undoubtedly reached a point that was simply destructive, and the doctrine of the survival of the fittest has had another illustration in the sphere of mercantile life. It is the heavy deduction for bad debts that has been the bane of this line of business for years back, and it will continue to sweep away all the profits that are made, if the same style of things is preserved in ready. Where credits are restricted to thirty and sixty days, and customers are looked upon suspiciously who want any longer time, business can be conducted with some satisfaction both to the wholesale and retail merchant. The Canadian style of crediting is bad for the consumer as it is for the merchant. The storekeeper who buys goods on long credit almost invariably buys too much and he is led, in his turn, to give unreasonable long credit to customers. Many of these are of the farming class, and are allowed to run up debts at the store which it is impossible for them ever to liquidate. Many a farm mortgage in Canada, if we could go to the origin of it, would tell us a story of continuous foolish purchasing on long credit at the country store, and the running up of debt which can never be shaken off. All these things finally have their effect on banking profits. They lay the foundation for the losses which come to the surface from time to time, and so seriously diminish the returns made to stockholders.

Huron County Notes.

A football team has been organized at Salford.

Thomas Bell, of the Wingham furniture factory, is having a large addition put to his factory.

At Toronto Mode, Miss A. Porter, of Turnberry, carried off honors at recent examinations.

Alex. Dawson, Wingham, sold a pair of twin Jersey calves to Geo. Parrish, of Turnberry, at a good figure.

The Goderich Signal has the largest staff of correspondents of any paper in the Huron Tract. It is a live paper.

One evening recently sneak thieves entered the store of Cantelon Brothers, Clinton, and stole a bride valued at \$4.

Goderich High School pupils will have at least three months' holidays, as the Collegiate Institute will not be ready for occupation until Oct. 1.

Rev. E. W. Hughes and W. F. Brockenshire, Wingham, were in Peterboro last week attending the meeting of the Grand Lodge I. O. G. T.

The Wingham Orangemen will attend divine service on Sunday, July 12, when Rev. E. W. Hughes will preach a special sermon for their benefit.

The Cole farm, lot 20, Bayfield con., Goderich township, was sold under power of mortgage, on Saturday, Mr. Farran of Clinton, being the purchaser at \$3,800.

Put a teaspoonful of ammonia in a quart of water, wash your brushes and combs in this, and all grease and dirt will disappear. Rinse, shake and dry in the sun or by fire.

The Fall Assizes for the county of Huron will open at Goderich on Monday September 17th, when Justice Falconbridge will preside. The fall sittings of the Chancery Court will open at Goderich before Justice Meredith, Monday, October 5.

Country Talk.

Grey.

School picnics are in season. Miss Lottie Hill has gone on a holiday trip to her sister at Burk's Falls. Marsden Smith has been at Wrexeter for the past few weeks superintending the Gibson saw mill. There is no better mill-wright in this country than Mr. Smith. Mrs. Henry Tindall and two children, of Neepawa, Manitoba, arrived here the other day for a visit to her old home. Mrs. Tindall is a daughter of Wm. Harkirk's, 9th con.

Brussels.

Mrs. W. A. Calbic has received the \$2,500 insurance on the life of her late husband. St. John's Sunday school picnic was held in the Hargan grove on Thursday afternoon of last week. H. P. Moore, editor and proprietor of the Acton Free Press, visited the Post on Monday of last week. R. Leatherdale has placed a dandy upright Karn piano in the apartments of the manager and teller of the Standard Bank here.

A beautiful Easter lily has been exhibited in the store window of A. Strachan. The buds of the flowers now blooming measured 8 1/2 inches in length. It is reported that the Misses Dimdale, evangelists, who visited Brussels a few years ago, were married on Tuesday of last week to Revs. Aikenhead and Jamieson.

Mrs. W. J. Fairfield has received the \$2,500 insurance on the life of her late husband from the Covenant Mutual Benefit Association, and acknowledges her thanks for the same. The G. T. R. authorities are determined to put a stop to the loafing round the depot of an evening and during Sunday, and in future legal proceedings will be taken against any persons found trespassing on their premises.

On Monday, July 13th, the 201st anniversary of Orangeism will be celebrated in Brussels in right royal style. In addition to the large number of Orangemen expected there will be at least four lodges of Lady True Blues in carriages in the procession. Several brass bands will be in attendance. Addresses are expected from Rev. W. Smyth, of Harrison; Rev. E. W. Hughes, of Wingham; Rev. W. T. Cluff, of Brussels; A. H. Musgrove, of Wingham, and others. Special excursion trains will be run both east and west at low rates. A great big crowd is expected. Every body should make it a point to be present. County Master Clegg, of Gorrie, will preside at the platform meeting which will be held on Victoria Park.

Elma.

Mrs. W. S. Buchanan, Donegal, is visiting friends in Michigan.

The I. O. G. T., of Trowbridge, held a successful lawn social Wednesday evening.

H. Y. Smith, teacher of S. S. No. 5, is spending his vacation with relatives and friends at Uxbridge. Quite a number of young people attended Mr. Burke's picnic at Britton, Tuesday afternoon. All enjoyed themselves immensely. The lawn social held in John Roe's orchard last Friday evening was a decided success. After all expenses were met over \$44 was received.

The garden party in connection with the Monkonk Presbyterian church, at Monkonk Monday night, was well patronized. A good program was given, and the receipts at the gate netted \$29.

Miss Belle Mitchell, of Atwood, gave an exhibition of Indian club swinging to the delight of the visitors. Rev. Mr. Brandon's presence was a source of joy to many of his friends. Mr. Scott, a young student, has kindly consented to take charge of the Monkonk circuit during Mr. Brandon's leave of absence.

SCHOOL REPORT.—The following is the standing of the pupils of S. S. No. 4 for the month of June. Names in order of merit:—Fifth Class—Ernest Smith, Wm. Hamilton. Junior Fourth Class—Bert Turnbull, Maud Harris, Ida Shannon. Senior Third Class—Thomas Hamilton, Etta Shannon, Edith Harris, Wood Welsh, Ed. Gaynor. Junior 3rd Class—Eliza Wilson, Rachel Laidlaw, Jas. Gaynor, Allie Hunter, John Edgar, Bella Laidlaw, Lottie Adams, Aggie Hunter and John Gaynor (equal), Arch. Fogal, Annie Rozzelle. The average attendance for the month was 49.

J. W. WARD, Teacher.

Following is the report of the standing of pupils of U. S. S. No. 2, Elma and Wallace, for the month of June. Names in order of merit:—Fifth class—Edward Thompkins, Perry Brisbin. Senior Fourth—Jennie Whaley. Junior Fourth—Charlie Brisbin, Annie Brisbin, Willie Thompkins, Willie McLaren, Chas. Lowery. Senior Third—Annie Sanderson, Bella Urquhart, Chas. Thompkins, Bennie Everal. Junior Third—Willie McMillan, Jessie Urquhart, Willie Sanderson, Jessie Milburn, Annie Martin, Lizzie Marks, Jno. Barrett, Ester Marks, Samuel Barnett, Ernest Stapleton, Susie Bender, James Gardner. Second class—Henry Sanderson, Fannie Milburn. Part II—Solomon Weber, Lizzie Chapman, Thomas Barnett, Lyman McMillan.

Miss I. R. McBain, Teacher.

Bornholm.

Miss A. Pain, Mitchell, is visiting on the 12th con. this week. Rev. Nietardie, Baden, occupied the pulpit of the Lutheran church last Sunday.

A very successful picnic in the interests of the Sunday school of the Lutheran church was held in the school yard on Wednesday afternoon. Two ministers present delivered short addresses. The choir rendered several beautiful selections, together with the singing of the children, and music from the Brodhagen band made the time pass both pleasantly and profitably. Refreshments were provided by the Davis Bros., Mitchell, which did much credit to the establishment.

Newry.

SCHOOL REPORT.—Following is the standing of the junior classes of S. S. No. 5 for the month of June. Names in order of merit:—Junior 3rd Class—Lavinia Gilkinson, David Dunlop, Annie Danbrook, Olive Attridge, Tilda Newstead, Sarah Struthers, Charles H. Coulter, Polly Richardson, Susie Johnston, Eva Gee, Robbie Johnston, Eva Holmes, Sam Newstead, Richard Morrison. Second Class—Laura Simpson, Willie Struthers, Willie Gilkinson, A. Dickson, Willie Morrison, Laura McMane, Melbourne Gee, Annie Chapman. Senior Part Second—James Robb, W. Gilmer, Albert Ducklow, Elie Hannah, Susie Johnston, Fred Richardson, Mervin Morrison, Maggie McMane, Thos. McIntyre. Junior Part Second—Arthur Simpson, Willie Coulter, Lily Holmes, Herbert Ducklow, Whiteford Morrison, Newstead, Ida Danbrook, Liza Richardson, John Hannah, Guy Hannah. Junior Part First—Lily Taggart, Liza McMane, Mary Coulter, Francy Fullarton, Jane Coulter. Harold Danbrook, Henderson Robb, Robert Gilkinson, J. Allison, John Gilmer, Howard Gee, Bella Morrison, Katie B. Morrison, Russel McMane, Thomas Smith, Adam Smith, Annie Holmes. Average attendance for June 78.

Ethel.

Mrs. R. Barr, jr., spent July 1st with friends in Stratford.

Miss Lily Doig, of Gorrie, is visiting friends in this village.

A young daughter has come to stay at the home of T. P. Simpson.

H. Cunningham spent Sunday in Kin cardine with his mother-in-law. The Misses Scott, of Brussels, were the guests of Mrs. J. M. Davis. Mrs. Wm. Spence, Miss Spence and Willie were away for a holiday visit. Photographer Mason, of Wingham, took several views in our village this week.

H. Y. SMITH, Teacher.

John Slemmon has got his new barn completed. He should now build a new house.

The Orangemen of this place intend celebrating the Battle of the Boyne in Brussels.

The C. O. F. went to Harrison on the 1st of July. They presented a good appearance.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McAllister left on Tuesday for an extended visit to St. Paul, Minn.

The garden party held by the temperance lodge, on L. Dobson's grounds, was a decided success.

Mrs. Daniel Eckmier, sr., had the misfortune to run a nail into her foot. It will be sore for some time.

Wm. Spence, our worthy postmaster, was called away on Sunday to attend the funeral of Mr. Watson, of Blyth.

"If marriage is a failure," said Binks, "what on earth is an engagement?" "Only a temporary embarrassment," said Maude.

Tuesday, June 23, Constable Scott and Detective Bradley, of the G. T. R., were in this locality looking for Joseph and Alfred Kress, charged with trespass on railroad property. The youths were found at a picnic at Atwood and were arrested while on a swing. They were brought here in Mr. Scott's buggy to the hotel and stopped at the Burton hotel. The prisoners asked leave to get a drink of water at the pump and Mr. Scott consented, thinking it was all right as they were handcuffed together. The constable stepped into the bar room to get Mr. Burton to send his rig towards Henfryn to meet the detective who was walking and on coming back to the door found the Kress' walking off west. He called to them to halt but they broke into a run down the side street past the Orange Hall, pursued by Mr. Scott and others. The prisoners got into a little clump of bush and despite the vigilance of the guard gave them the slip and escaped, going south through the river, fields and bush. A rig was procured and the chase continued but no capture rewarded the effort. It was a matter of surprise the gait the prisoners struck. They called at Peter McNeill's and borrowed an axe from a boy and severed the chain and were thus allowed greater freedom. The prisoners are suspected of burglarizing Brussels freight house and warrants are out for their arrest. They are 25 and 23 years old, respectively; 5 ft, 10 inches and 5 feet 8 inches in height; red hair; dark clothes; white shirts without collars; black felt hats. The suspicion of their guilt is strengthened by the daring manner of their escape.

Additional Local Items.

J. H. McBain returned home from Londesboro' Tuesday.

ELMA Council asks for tenders this week for a bridge and drain.

MR. CASWELL, of Trowbridge, filled the Methodist pulpit Sunday morning and evening with much acceptance. He is a young man of promise.

ALEX. LOCHHEAD returned from Scotland last Saturday. He visited friends in Ayrshire, Galston, Catline, Kilmarnock, etc. He also visited Burns' monument, near Ayr—his birth-place.

REV. J. FERGUSON, of Londesboro', and well known in Atwood, has been granted a three months' leave of absence by his Quarterly Board. Mr. Ferguson purposes spending his vacation in England. His Atwood friends wish him a pleasant journey and a safe return.

THE best sample of flax we have seen this year was brought into THE BEE office Monday, by James F. Porter, lot 15, con. 5, Elma. It measured 3 feet and 7 inches, and was pulled June 29th. John Gray, 10th con., Elma, pulled a sample on the 22nd inst., that measured 3 feet and 4 inches.

JULY 7TH.—Be sure and go to the lawn social, to be held in Jas. Wilson's grounds, on Tuesday night, July 7th, under the auspices of the ladies of St. Alban's church. In addition to other attractions the Atwood brass band has been engaged for the evening. It promises to be the party of the season.

CHANGE OF TIME.—We notice by the new G. T. R. time table, just issued, that several slight changes have been made on the W. G. & B. Division. According to the new timetable trains will leave Atwood station as follows:—Going north—Mixed, 8:25 a.m.; express, 2:34 p.m.; express, 9:24 p.m. Going south—Express, 7:21 a.m.; express, 12:30 p.m.; mixed 10:10 p.m.

AT a meeting of the directors of the Ontario Farmers' Flax Manufacturing Co., held Monday night, James Irwin was elected President and Wm. Lochhead re-elected Secretary. Mr. Irwin having filled the Presidential chair before, is acquainted with all the workings of the Co., and is, no doubt, the right man in the right place. Mr. Lochhead is a financier of no mean ability, which together with his long experience entitles him to the fullest confidence of the company. The Co. may be said to be well officered and we anticipate a most prosperous year.

WE received a letter from our old friend and former Elmaite, Robert Morrison, last week in which he says he is greatly pleased with the country, and the crops are looking well. He has pitched his tent at Beresford, Man. We learn from another source that Mr. Morrison has taken up a homestead of 320 acres near Beresford and will move his family out there in the near future. Mr. Morrison has always taken a deep interest in township and school matters and his removal from amongst us will be keenly regretted. Having a family to make future provision for he regards it his first duty to look after their interests, which is quite right.

KILLED AT ST. PAUL.—Word reached here last week that Jos. Porter, brother of Jas. Porter, of Elma, was killed on the railroad at St. Paul. The deceased was home during the past winter, and left here about two months ago for the west. A St. Paul, Minn., paper, of June 21st, contained the following sad intelligence: "Joseph Porter, of Winnipeg, was run over and so badly injured by a car on the First Avenue electric line in Minneapolis to-night that his recovery is very doubtful. Porter was on an out going motor and spoke to the conductor about getting off at Twelfth street. Before the train came to a stop, however, Porter stepped off the rear platform of the front car. Somehow he managed to get between the motor and the trailer, and before the terrible predicament was appreciated he was crushed beneath the wheels and dragged several rods. When removed he was in a semi-conscious condition. Both legs were frightfully crushed and twisted and both will have to be amputated above the knee if he survives the shock. He was taken to the City hospital. Porter is about 30 years of age."

THE MACDONALD MEMORIAL.—The people of Kingston have taken action towards the erection of a national memorial monument in honor of the late Sir John A. Macdonald, her most illustrious son. This is a step in the right direction and there will be a general response to the call for assistance in this great undertaking. There are but few cities in Canada which could erect more monuments to renowned men connected with their history than Kingston. It is gratifying to know that the people of that city are awaking to a sense of the beauty and importance of its situation. Its railway connections, shipping facilities by lake and river, capital and business enterprise of its citizens and numerous industries all indicate steady growth and a promising future. There's no reason why Kingston should not become the monument city of Canada and this recent action on the part of its citizens is a great step forward in that direction. There should be no difficulty in raising the sum of \$25,000, the amount fixed upon as necessary for such a monument as is intended. The committee of representative citizens have agreed that no subscription for the purpose shall exceed ten dollars.