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Ladies' Black Jerseys, plaited waist, back and front, with yoke and belt—THE VERY LATEST.

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In Pale Blue, Garnet, White, Cardinal, Cream and Black. At 83c., worth \$1; at 98c., worth \$1.25; at \$1.25, worth \$1.50.

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**J. THOMPSON'S GROCERY.**

### OLD RECORDS BROUGHT TO LIGHT.

Interesting Facts Gleaned from the Minute Book of the Old Johnstown Agricultural Society.

On the last leaf of the old record book is pasted a printed report of the directors for the year 1845. We close our compilation of the incidents recorded in the old minute book by making a few extracts from that report.

The Managing Committee of the Johnstown District Agricultural Society, in closing up and relinquishing the duties entrusted to them for the past year, beg leave to suggest to the Society such alterations of their Constitution as the Committee deem essential to be made in order to enable the Society to act more extensively and efficiently in promoting the original objects of formation. It becomes necessary to alter from time to time the economy of all human institutions as society and circumstances change around them; and past experience teaches us best how to adopt these alterations to meet the views and promote the interests of the community they are designed to benefit.

Happily this society has the experience of nearly fifteen years to refer to in forming plans and adopting rules for future usefulness. Organized on the 12th of May, 1830, it assumed the name it now bears, and many of the constitutional rules then adopted were calculated to promote extensive agricultural improvement in the whole District; but unfortunately the leading Agriculturalists of our neighboring County of Grenville (several of whom had been named in the Committee of the District Society) declined uniting with the County of Leeds in the formation of a District Society, and claimed their half of the Government grant of \$100 to each District; and as the Act then but recently passed, made no provision for district societies where county societies were formed, this society was under the necessity of assuming the name of "The County of Leeds Agricultural Society," and to adopt rules more in accordance with the local character which the Society was obliged to assume. Thus was the District deprived of one-half of the grant, as the County of Grenville failed to maintain a Society and subscriptions sufficient to obtain it. Although this Society was thus circumscribed in its means and field of usefulness, and some of its best subscribers withdrew their aid in consequence, yet it never failed to raise funds enough by subscription to entitle the Society to claim the annual allowance from the Government.

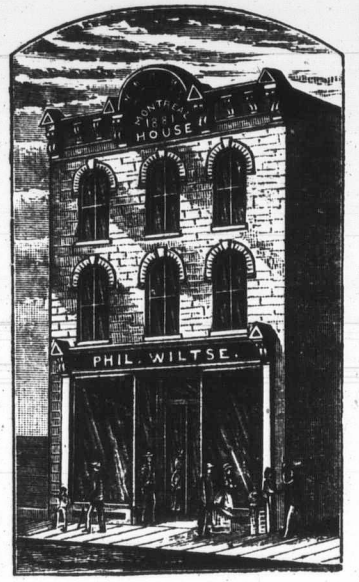
The whole funds thus obtained were expended for the first three or four years in an encouraging competitor before the farmers of the county, (except a small amount expended in stock), in such a way as to excite a spirit of emulation amongst that class of farmers called small farmers, which then even more than now embraced far the greater number of the Agriculturalists in the District. It soon became evident, however, to the Society, that in order to make anything like rapid improvement in their own art or calling, they must profit by the experience of those communities that were more advanced in knowledge. Accordingly about the year 1836 the society began to introduce agricultural papers, and place them in the hands of its members for perusal. A few books were also about that time bought by the Society, treating on Agriculture, and designed to form the commencement of a circulating library. The papers were at first treated with neglect, but a taste for reading that kind of literature has at length been cultivated by many of our farmers and their sons, which is yearly increasing, and the benefits derived thereby is exhibited in their superior management.

Happily an agricultural periodical is established in Canada West, and is yearly more and more sought for and read by our farmers. The first Provincial Act that granted aid to Agricultural Societies expired in 1837, and a new Act was passed the same year increasing the grant to \$200 per annum to each District, providing for the formation and township societies, but recognizing the district societies as the only organ of communication with the government in obtaining the amount of pecuniary aid due the societies in their respective Districts, consequently our society, then the only one in this district, was under the necessity of either encouraging the formation of a District Society, distinct from the County Society, or changing the name of the latter to "County of Leeds Agricultural Society." Accordingly, after another unsuccessful attempt to unite the County of Grenville with us in a district society, the name of "County of Leeds Agricultural Society" was dropped and that of "Johnstown District Agricultural Society" resumed, but still retaining its local character, and has been better adapted

to the improvement of Agriculture in the immediate vicinity of its meeting, than to unite general interests in favor of that important object. A spirit of laudable emulation was, however, revived and competition increased to such an extent as to impose an exceedingly laborious duty upon the viewing committee annually appointed by the society. These complaining of the additional labor thus imposed upon them in viewing the farms and crops of distant members and the latter also complaining of the hardships of attending the meetings at a distance and the expense of bringing their cattle so far for competition, the district society yielded to their wishes, and sent delegates in the autumn of 1839 to assist in forming branch societies in different places in the District. The Gananoque, Bastard, Cross and Smith's Falls Societies were thus formed. The constitution of the District Society was subsequently so altered as to admit delegates from branch societies, to act with their managing committee in the consideration of all matters of general interest. All these societies have continued to make exertions for the improvement of agriculture in their different localities up to the present time, and some of them have even exceeded the original society in their annual appropriations for that purpose. A very respectable branch society has lately been formed near Coleman's Corners, called the "Coleman's Corners Society;" and still more recently an association has been formed in Brockville for the purpose of promoting agricultural improvement in this district, composed of merchants and others and evincing a spirit of zeal and liberality highly honorable to those engaged in it. Thus we have at the present time, in the Johnstown District not less than six agricultural societies, combining an amount of talent and means far exceeding what we have heretofore at any time combined for such a purpose. And this committee would most respectfully recommend to the society such alterations in their constitution as will adapt the District Society to become a centre of union for all the branch societies that are now, or may hereafter be organized in the district, and thereby be better enabled to promote the prosperity and interests of the whole. The principal means by which this should be effected is the importation of superior seeds, farming implements and breeds of stock, and proper fitting of agricultural produce for foreign markets. But as practical farmers cannot be supposed to know what foreign markets require, either as to kind, quality, or manner of preparation, an urgent necessity therefore exists for combining merchantile men with practical farmers in the committee of the District Society to effect these important objects. This society has for some time past felt the necessity of uniting these two classes for the purpose of thus promoting their mutual interests. Immediately after the English markets were opened for the admission of Colonial produce on more favorable terms than formerly, this society passed resolutions expressive of its sense of the favor thus conferred upon the Province by the Home Government, and the determination of the society to encourage the production of such articles for exportation as would raise the credit of our produce in the English markets; and some measures were taken by the committee to enlist the energies of our merchants in the matter which did not at that time succeed, as the merchants of our District did not then fully appreciate the necessity for such a united effort. But the extensive ravages of the weevil and rust on our wheat crop the past year, and the prospect of the continuance of the former, on a crop which constitutes nearly our sole dependence for exportation to pay for the heavy importations that are being made to supply our wants, has aroused both merchants and farmers to the necessity of exerting themselves to avert the ruin that might ensue from a want of prudent foresight in these matters. This committee therefore recommend the adoption of the amendments to the constitution of this society herewith reported, which they conceive to be best calculated to secure to the society union and efficiency in promoting agricultural improvement. All of which is most respectfully submitted.

JOHN G. BOOTH, Sec'y.

NOTE.—Since we commenced the publication of the extracts from the old record book above referred to, we wrote to E. H. Whitmarsh, Esq. of Merrickville, in reference to his recollections of the incidents therein related. He writes in reply that he is satisfied that the "Old Johnstown District Agricultural Society" was the first society organized in Canada, and that he believes he is the only person living who was present at the organization of the society. Editor.



P. WILTSE'S GENERAL STORE.

A Description of One of Farmersville's Business Houses.

The fine wood cut at the head of this column is a fair representation of the general store of Mr. Phil. Wiltse, of Farmersville. The building, which was erected by the present proprietor in 1881, is 77 x 24 feet, and has a tin roof and fire proof shutters. It stands isolated from other structures, the nearest being the frame dwelling of Henry Bowsome, Esq., distant 12 or 15 feet. We took a look over the building a few days ago and found the general proprietor and two assistants busily engaged in attending to the wants of their numerous customers. On one side are arrayed the large piles of dress and fancy goods, and it is not going beyond common report to say that Mr. Wiltse keeps in the best and most seasonable goods in this line to be found outside the large towns. On the opposite side of the store is placed a beautiful show case, inside of which is displayed a fine collection of silver and plated ware, and fancy goods, while farther down are kept the boots, shoes and groceries. Near the centre of the store is placed the cash desk presided over by Miss Richards. Ascending a couple of steps at the rear of the store proper, we find ourselves in one of the cosiest millinery show rooms to be found in the united counties. A large plate glass mirror stands opposite the entrance while the light is admitted through stained glass windows. This department has been presided over during the present season by Miss Lou Stevens. The proprietor explained that owing to the absence of the manager on her summer vacation, the goods usually displayed here were under cover. Directly over this room, on the second flat, is situated the dress and mantle making department, presided over by Miss Madden. The whole of the second flat with the exception of this room is occupied by the proprietor as a dwelling. A large and powerful force pump supplies both hard and soft water to every part of the building. Mr. Wiltse has just embellished the store with a new front, consisting of handsome plate glass windows, 11 x 6 feet, with two side lights 11 x 3 feet. The doors open to the ceiling, and iron pillars, weighing over half a ton each support the wall above. The front is relieved by cut stone sills, lintels and arches, while the whole is surmounted by a very handsome cornice, as shown in the cut.

Of Mr. Wiltse's capabilities as a business man it is almost unnecessary for us to speak, suffice it to say that he has carried on a successful business in this town and elsewhere for twenty-one years, quite a large proportion of which were spent in partnership with some of the first business men of the place.

### LACROSSE MATCH.

An interesting exhibition of the national game took place here on Saturday last. It was the result of a challenge sent to the Delta club by the Rough and Ready club, of Greenbush, some ten days ago. The Delta boys did not announce their acceptance of the challenge until Friday, but in spite of this delay the Greenbush team decided to meet their opponents. The Delta boys arrived here a number of men short. The vacancies were filled by an extensive draft upon the Farmersville players. Mr. C. C. Slack acted as referee, and Messrs. Sala Blancher and W. A. Lewis as umpires. The teams were made up as follows:—

**GREENBUSH.**  
J. Patterson, Reuben Peer, E. Williams, F. Tinkiss, B. W. Loverin, O. Willoughby, Samuel Maud, Ed. Kelly, Wm. Adams, Howard Blanchard B. Maud and Cliff Keeler; field captain, J. Smith.

**DELTA.**  
Three Indians, named respectively White, Joe and Lewie, Tom Moran,

W. G. PARISH.

## Building

## Lumber.

W. G. PARISH.

Guy Curtis, Will Hartwell, Z. Haskins, Bone Addison, Delbert Brown, Jas. Judson and Malcolm Davison; field captain, Israel Johnston.

The ball was faced at a quarter to four, and after nineteen minutes of good play, during which the Delta team was kept well upon the defensive, the ball was put through the Delta goal by a shot from Patterson's lacrosse.

In the second game both sides settled down to work, and a more even game was played. Early in the game the ball was put through the Greenbush goal; but it was ruled not to be a goal on account of the violation of some technical rule. The play continued for some nine minutes, and ended with the same result as the first game. The lucky throw was made by Peer.

Mr. Blancher being obliged to retire from the field, Mr. B. Loverin filled the post of umpire in the third game. Each team faced the ball with a determination to win, and there was some fine individual play, and a little very creditable team play. This game lasted about an hour and twenty minutes, and at almost every stage in its progress it was doubtful which side would win. Attacks on both goals were frequent and persistent, but each side having a strong defence, the repeated attempts proved ineffectual. At last, when the spectators were beginning to think the game might continue all night, Haskins made a successful shot on the Greenbush goal, and saved Delta from a three-straight defeat. It was claimed that the ball passed too high, but the referee pronounced it a goal for Delta.

It was too late to finish the match, so the game stands two to one in favor of Greenbush, with the probability of its being concluded in the near future. The Greenbush boys deserve credit for their effective organization, and we hope to record this season a match between them and a purely Delta team, and also a match between Farmersville and Greenbush.

### MASONIC ANNIVERSARY.

On Sunday last a Reporter representative took a seat in Mr. Ad. Armstrong's comfortable bus, in company with several prominent members of the Masonic fraternity of this neighborhood who proposed paying a fraternal visit to the brethren of Lyn on the occasion of their anniversary sermon. The day was one of the most beautiful of the season, and a refreshing breeze fanned the brows of as handsome a company of substantial burghesses as one often sees, to say nothing of their avoirdupois, which averaged about 170 lbs. each. So great, indeed, was the general air of respectability of the party, that the toll-gate keepers along the route mistook them for clergymen, and passed the load through toll free. Arrived at their destination, the party put up at the Lyn House, and partook of the excellent hospitalities of mine host, John Yates.

At two o'clock the Masons brethren assembled at the hall, and after a short meeting proceeded in procession to the English church. There was a large turnout of the fraternity in regalia, and the procession was interesting and imposing. The beautiful church was filled to its utmost capacity as the Masons filed into the seats reserved for them. The Rev. Mr. Groat, who is the honored chaplain of the Lyn Lodge, conducted the service and preached a very fine sermon from I Cor. iii. 9-10.

"For we are laborers together with God; ye are God's husbandry; ye are God's building. According to the grace of God which is given to me as a wise master builder, I have laid the foundation and another buildeth thereon; but let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon."

At the conclusion of the service the local fraternity entertained the visiting brethren at the Lyn House. It was satisfactory to learn that the Lodge, which was organized only a year ago, is in a healthy and flourishing condition.

The Farmersville contingent drove home in the cool of the evening, well pleased with the day's proceedings, which had been edifying to the mind and conducive to the health of the body.

### Card of Thanks.

Mr. Editor—Dear Sir—Permit me, on behalf of my mother and myself, in this hour of bereavement and sorrow, to express our heartfelt thanks for the kindness and sympathy manifested by the people of Farmersville during the illness of my sister, the late Mrs. McLean. We are deeply sensible of this kindness, which we experienced from every quarter, both before her death and after her spirit had left its earthly casket. Our thanks are also due to the brethren of the Farmersville Lodge of Oddfellows for their fraternal sympathy and manifestations of respect at the funeral. We also desire to thank the members of the Presbyterian choir for their kindly offices during the last sad rites.

Yours respectfully,  
C. C. SLACK.  
Our Elgin correspondent's New letter arrived too late for insertion in this issue.