

## COUNTRY TALK.

### Elma.

Mrs. O'Reilly came from Illinois on Monday to attend the funeral of her father, Mr. Smith.

There is a good opening in the south-east part of the township for a Sabbath School. Will not some one lend a helping hand?

School section No. 9 closed last week owing to the sickness of most of the children. It was re-opened on Monday. The attendance is still very small.

Geo. Hamilton, of 16th con., Elma, died on Saturday of last week. He had been ailing for some years. Funeral took place on Monday. He was 48 years of age. The family have the sympathy of the community.

Death has again entered our midst and called away Mr. Debus. Mr. Debus had a very severe attack of la grippe which settled on his lungs and resulted in death on Tuesday morning. The funeral took place at 10 o'clock, on Thursday morning.

The popular phrase among the farmers in this vicinity is: "There is nothing to do." What do you think of making a bee to gravel part of the road? I am sure it needs it badly. Our council do not need to travel this part of the township as you can plainly see.

The death of Henry Smith occurred on Friday night of last week. He was 56 years of age at the time of his death and settled in the township of Elma when it was covered with forest. The funeral took place on Monday. The funeral sermon will be preached in Burns' church, Milverton, by the Rev. Mr. Kay, on Sunday, Feb. 16th.

The want of snow does not seem to daunt some of our enterprising farmers a bit with regard to building operations. John Love is preparing to build a new barn with stabling underneath, in fact he has a great deal of the material on the ground already. Also William Dewar, jr., is preparing for a good barn with stone stabling. These two buildings will make quite an improvement in the appearance of the 10th and 14th cons.

The following is the relative standing of those pupils in S. S. No. 2 who took the highest number of marks in the weekly examinations during the month of January: Fifth Class—Roland Jickling, Nettie Hargraves, William Turnbull, Senior Fourth—Jane Thompson, Tillie Forman, Nellie Newbigging, Maria Douglas, Junior Fourth—Jennie Douglas, Mary Hamilton, Senior Third—Agnes Shearer, Ida Keith, Junior Third—Charles Douglas, Maggie Burnett, Tena Shearer, John Thompson, Senior Second—Etta Hay, Jennie Cleland, William Shearer, Jessie Keith, Thos. M. Wilson, Teacher.

### Monkton.

Our town council will meet on Monday next.

Every house in this section should have THE BEE. Subscribe and we will supply you with plenty of news.

Chas. McKenzie, our postmaster, and his good wife have been very ill but we are glad to say they are on the mend.

Alex. McEwen, formerly of this place, but now of Manitoba, is home on a visit. He looks well and we welcome him home again.

C. Broughton has resigned his position as chief of police. Mark Robinson will fill the vacancy. Mark is the right man in the right place.

Daniel Machan is hard at work pressing one hundred tons of hay, which he will ship to Toronto market. We wish Dan success and hope he may get a good price.

Wm. Buttery, formerly of this village, but now of Grey township, was visiting friends in this section last week. All were glad to see him and he has the good wishes of all.

The Monkton "Schneider" has several months work ahead, they say he makes a sure fit every time, and if we may judge from the work he is getting he will need to employ another tailor before long.

The Advocate reporter of this village says the reporter to the Stratford Herald is the best looking man on its staff. Lord help him, if he sees THE BEE reporter—he is as bright as a new made dollar.

John Berlet, our village blacksmith, has been down with la grippe. We understand he is to take another grip soon which he will not get rid of so easy. Our worst wish to John is this: That he may live forever.

There was no service in the Methodist church on Sunday morning, 2nd inst., owing to quarterly meeting service at the Logan appointment. Rev. Mr. Rogers, of Atwood, preached an able sermon in the evening which was well received by the congregation.

Henry Smith, of the 16th con., Elma, passed peacefully away on Friday night of last week, the cause of his death was pneumonia, brought on by la grippe. He was one of the early settlers of our township and was highly respected by all. His remains were interred in the Milverton cemetery on Monday of last week. We feel for Mrs. Smith and her family in their hour of great distress and hope they may have God's blessing in their time of need.

The anniversary services of the Monkton Methodist church was held on Sunday, Feb. 2nd. The Rev. D. Rogers filled the pulpit with acceptance and great profit to our people. On the following Tuesday evening the anniversary tea meeting was enjoyed. Notwithstanding the unpleasant roads and weather and the prevalence of la grippe, the attendance was good. Excellent addresses were given by Revs. F. E. Nugent, of Mitchell; T. Gee, of Milverton; and A. Henderson, M. A., of Atwood. Our choir furnished us with good music. Good order prevailed and everyone seemed to enjoy the entertainment. Proceeds \$30.

Joseph Adair is down with la grippe. Dr. Hamilton, of Atwood, visits our village oftener than any other man outside. He has been overworked of late.

Samuel Louisbury, our popular sawyer, has finished last season's stock of logs and has removed to Seaford until a new stock of logs arrive.

Our Presbyterian friends are talking of purchasing an organ for their church. When they will do so I will report the event even at the risk of causing some ill-conditioned cur to bark at my heels.

Isaac Hord was in the village last week. He is a good business man and his branch store here is doing a good business under the management of J. C. Wilson, who is always ready to oblige any person. Success to the Ontario House.

Mark Robinson has been appointed to wait on Mr. Van Horn in connection with the branch of the C. P. R. which is to go by way of Monkton to Lake Huron. Mark has a good eye for business and no doubt he will gain his point.

### Mornington.

The following are the names of the pupils of S. S. No. 12, who made the best showing in their respective classes during Jan: Fifth Class—Geo. Westman, Senior Fourth—Lizzie Schrenk, William Lannin, Edward Attridge, Junior Fourth—Gerda Tucker, Maggie Attridge, Gilbert Athen, Senior Third—Geo. Langford, Ralph Tucker, May Capling, Junior Third—John Westman, Robert Schrenk, William Langford.

LEWIS ZERAN, Teacher.

### Trowbridge.

The anniversary services of the Methodist church was held last Sunday and Monday. Rev. Dr. Henderson preached on the Sabbath. On Monday evening a good tea was served in the basement, and an excellent program given in the body of the church, consisting of music by the choir, readings by Messrs. Snell and Kellam, and addresses by Revs. A. E. Smith, of Wroxeter, and D. Rogers, of Atwood. Votes of thanks to the ladies, choir, and speakers were proposed, respectively, by Messrs. C. Cousins, Bayliss and J. R. Code, and carried with enthusiasm. Proceeds in the neighborhood of \$65.

### Logan.

La grippe has carried off another subject, Robert Rolph, a healthy and hard-working young man of the 4th concession of Logan, was taken with the disease about a week ago, and on Wednesday of last week it proved fatal. He was in his 34th year and leaves a wife and four children.

A meeting of the Willow Grove cheese factory was held in the factory on the 24th ult. The business of the past year was wound up and officers installed for the coming season. Mr. Ballantyne was expected to deliver an address on the cheese business, but failed so attend. Mr. Pomeroy having bought the factory from Mr. Squires, agreed to make the cheese for 1/2 of a cent less per lb. than it formerly had been made for, and intends putting in a new press, hoops, etc., which will be of great advantage to the securing of high prices for the cheese. We hope that Mr. Pomeroy will be well patronized, as he is a good cheesemaker and a first rate fellow.

### Milverton.

The Presbyterians of this village held their anniversary services on Sunday the 2nd inst. The Rev. Mr. McKay, of Woodstock, preached to large congregations both morning and evening. The following Monday evening they held their annual tea meeting. Notwithstanding the bad state of the roads, and the fact that many in the neighborhood were still sick with la grippe, there was a good attendance. Tea was served in the basement of the church, and an attractive table was well patronized by the people, especially those who had just recovered from the above mentioned fashionable disease. The Rev. John Kay, pastor of the church, was disappointed by several speakers, but the Rev. Messrs. Grant, of St. Marys, McKay of Woodstock, Gee of Milverton, and himself entertained the audience very acceptably for the evening. Music was furnished by a quintette from Stratford. Proceeds of Sunday collections and tea meeting were \$107.

### Newry.

Mrs. John Fray has had a severe attack of la grippe but is slowly recovering.

Miss Mary Gray has returned from visiting friends in Downia, and the classic city.

Andrew Swanton split eight cords of wood in about seven hours last week. Beat it who can.

Mr. Duncah, son of our esteemed cheese salesman, and chief of police in Brandon, is under the parental roof.

Mrs. Valance killed a snake in the garden one of the warm days last week. An unusual occurrence for this time of the year.

Checker playing is reviving with vigor on the 10th line. Who the champion is has hardly been decided as yet. No doubt we will hear ere long.

Miss Mary Harvey is attending the Listowel High School at present. Miss Harvey is an apt pupil and will doubtless come out all right at her final exam.

The general travelling agent Mr. Grip didn't forget to pay our mayor a visit, but James did not relish his company and so gave him a cold and brief reception.

THE BEE is steadily finding its way into the various families in this locality, and no fireside should be without it. Indeed the honey that can be extracted from its columns is worth the price of the paper. It has no peer in the county for local news.

Mr. Gee is on the haw side this week as his advertisement appears in THE BEE. Gee's head is level, he will know what a valuable medium THE BEE is to advertise in.

Mrs. Duclow is seriously indisposed. Our much esteemed M. D. is kept so busy that the assistance of Dr. Parks, of Listowel, had to be called in. We are pleased to hear that she is improving.

ELMA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—A meeting of the directors of the Elma Agricultural Society was held at Wynn's hotel, on Monday last. There were present, the president, vice-president, and Messrs. Jas. Irwin, W. Lineham, R. Morrison, C. Heller, J. Duncan, J. Graham and Y. Coulter. Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted on motion of Jas. Irwin and Jno. Graham. The committee appointed to purchase a new site for an agricultural show ground submitted their report and were of the opinion that Mr. Coulter's land was most suitable, the price being the same, viz: \$125 per acre. Moved by Jas. Duncan, seconded by Wm. Horn that the Society purchase the three acres offered by Mr. Coulter, at Atwood. (Carried.) The tenders were opened for the purchase of the Society's ground at Newry, which were as follows:—Thos. Fullerton \$105, Jno. Morrison \$125, A. J. Keillor \$135. Mr. Keillor's offer being the highest it was accepted on motion of Messrs. Duncan and Forrest. There being no offers made for the farm lot it was resolved on motion of Messrs. Irwin and Forrest that the president, J. B. Hamilton, and vice-president Horn be appointed a committee to sell the farm lot privately. The committee appointed to prepare rough draught of building suitable for an agricultural hall presented their plans when it was moved by W. Horn, seconded by Jno. Graham that the plans be adopted and that the said committee proceed with the work, procure plans and specifications, and advertise for tenders and the said tender be opened on March 10th at 2 o'clock p.m. This finished the business, and the meeting then adjourned to meet again at Newry, on March 10th.

### Poole.

Mr. Henderson, of Galt, and Mr. Shearer, of Bright, are visiting George Shearer.

Miss Ella Robertson, of A. wood, and Miss Robertson, of Toronto, are guests of Miss Kines.

Mr. Hoffman, assistant teacher in the public school here, was laid off for a week with an attack of influenza.

Our Good Templars of this village regaled themselves with an oyster supper, in their hall, last Wednesday evening.

Mrs. J. W. Chalmers was a delegate to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society that met in Stratford last week.

Wm. Gray, of Newry, the "honey-grove" cheesemaker, attended the Cheesemaker's Convention in Stratford, then called at Poole to attend the oyster convention convened in the Good Templars hall.

### Hullett.

DEATH OF A PIONEER.—Hugh McBrien died at his residence on the 13th concession, on Friday Jan. 31st. The deceased emigrated to this country from Ireland about 40 years ago, and settled on the 16th concession of Godrich township. Some 20 years after, he sold the homestead and removed to Missouri, returning in a short time and settling on lot 6, concession 13, Hullett. Mrs. McBrien died about 16 years ago, and some time after the deceased married a second time. His wife, nine children and two brothers survive him. He was a life long conservative in politics and an Episcopalian in religion. He was a good neighbor, kind husband and loving father. Dropsical ailment was the immediate cause of death.

### TO THE PEOPLE OF NEWRY, ATWOOD, AND SURROUNDING COUNTRY.

I take this opportunity of extending my sincere thanks for your liberal patronage accorded me since commencing business in Newry. During a little over six months among you I am pleased to be able to state that my business has been steadily increasing which is sufficient proof that our goods and prices have given satisfaction. For the future, as in the past, we promise to one and all that entrusts us with a whole or part of their esteemed patronage, to do all in our power to make the deal pleasant and satisfactory. Having had sixteen years successful experience in mercantile business and buying for cash in the best markets, places me in a position to meet the requirements of our increasing trade both as to quality of goods and prices.

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J. S. CEE,

NEWRY.

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