

## Country Talk.

### Poole.

Mrs. Pride, of Atwood, is visiting her friends in this neighborhood.

Henry Engel, of Hanover, called to see his parents the other day on his way to Detroit.

There is considerable sickness in the neighborhood at present—a return of la grippe in some cases.

Prof. Lamb lectured on the subject of Phrenology to a fair audience in the hall last Saturday evening.

### Ethel.

Miss Sophia Ducklow is spending a few days with friends in Elma.

Mrs. A. W. Panabaker is able to be around again. We hope she may be fully restored to health.

Another young merchant arrived in town this week. Judging from appearances he intends staying for awhile.

Mrs. J. M. Davis had a large tumor removed from her side the other day. She is very low at present, but with good nursing she will soon be around again.

### Elma.

Christmas with its glad tidings will soon be here.

The flurry of snow on Monday brought out a number of cutters.

Send along your school reports every month for publication.—ED. BEE.

Some sneak thieves broke into John Young's barn last Saturday night and stole a lot of fowl.

We rejoice to learn that John Inglis, who has been confined to the house for the past three weeks, is slowly recovering.

William Turnbull has rented the farm of James and David Lang, being parts of lots 17 and 18, on the 12th con., for a term of years.

A number of young men of the town ship left this week for the lumber woods near Wiarton, where they have secured work for the winter.

Wm. Gilchrist, of Toronto University, is home on a visit. Will look well but he thinks the college is too much of a slaughter house for him.

George McMillan removed his family and household effects to the township of Grey, where he has received a position as sawyer in the Star mill, Cranbrook.

John Allan's sale of farm stock and implements, on Wednesday, Nov. 26th, was well attended and the stock averaged a good price. T. E. Hay wielded the hammer.

Robert Hamilton, lot 6, con. 10, proposes having a stock sale on Tuesday, Dec. 16th, at 1 p.m. The stock is in prime condition. T. E. Hay will wield the hammer.

A very pleasant time was spent one evening last week at Chas. McNielhof's. The mazy dance, vocal and instrumental music, games, etc., made up the evening's program.

A report is in circulation that a young gentleman, of the 14th con., west, is making preparations to take to himself a spouse. All we can say is, "Better late than never."

Thos. Carter surprised the natives of Ethel at their shooting match by burying about 400 shots in the card. Tom was ordered to take his duck and go. Tom is also a good marksman for the Ethelites.

On Saturday, Nov. 22, Mrs. D. Michol, preparing rough-on-rats, she laid it on the sink when a little child came along and got the bread and started to eat it. They took it to an Atwood doctor who did all he could to relieve the sufferer.

Some of the sturdy sons of toil on the 4th con. had a parley at 9 o'clock, on Monday last, over the question of whether water can run over a hill on a certain farm on the 4th or not. After a couple of hours consultation they decided to make it seek its sluggish course in an upward direction. The trouble now lies as to who shall pay the cost of such an attempt.

Entertainments appear to have lost their hold on the people's interest for the present year. Every excitement is followed by a reaction, hence the inertia in this department. The only two in Elma are those of Atwood and Trowbridge. These we may expect to be complete successes. Examinations are also in the background. Your correspondent believes this is a step in the wrong direction. There may be errors in their present mode of procedure and substance, but if rightly understood must certainly be productive of good. The name perhaps of "school examination" should be changed to "public school exhibition." This implies a demonstration of the pupils' knowledge, their skill to read, recite, take part in singing and gymnastic exercises. The greatest benefit to the ratepayers would lie in the discussion of some educational question by all the teachers and ratepayers present.

**SCHOOL REPORT.**—The following are the names of the pupils of S. S. No. 7, Elma, who obtained the highest standing in their respective classes for the month of November. Names in order of merit:—Fifth Class—Henry Duncan, Robert Angus, Hester Vallance. Senior Fourth Class—Ella Bennett. Junior Fourth Class—George Love, Daisy Woleben. Senior Third Class—Walter Hamilton, Roxey Smith, Willie Elacott. Junior Third Class—Henry Houze, Charlotte Hamilton, Jessie Smith. Senior Second Class—Nellie Little, John Lawrence, Robert Bowen. Junior Second Class—Bertie Forrest, Fred Ballantyne, Andrew Denman. Senior Part II—Mary Hatherley, John Ovans and Robert Fisher equal, Clara Elacott. Junior Part II—John Hamilton, Frank Ballantyne. Number on roll for November 42, boys 22, girls 20. Average attendance for the month 35.

C. J. WYNN, Teacher.

### Elma and Wallace Boundary.

John Bell has removed to Listowel.

J. Philip has recently erected a straw shed forty-five feet square.

Jas. Lowry left on Saturday for Montreal with a carload of horses.

It is rumored that one of our old bachelors is soon to plunge headlong into the boisterous sea of matrimony.

The following is the standing of the pupils in Union S. S. No. 2, Elma and Wallace, for the month of November. Names in order of merit:—Fifth Class—A. Milburn. Senior Fourth Class—P. Brisbin, N. Tomkins, A. Henderson. Junior Fourth Class—C. Lowry, M. Mann, J. Whaley. Senior Third Class—W. McLaren, A. Brisbin, W. Tompkins. Junior Third Class—A. Sanderson, N. Milburn, C. Tompkins. Average attendance for the month 30.

J. W. WARD, Teacher.

### Stratford.

La grippe is evidently on the rounds again. The editor of the Sun is one of its present victims, and we hear rumblings of his unwelcome presence in many other quarters.

The new Lord Mayor of London, (Eng.) Alderman Savory, is brother-in-law to H. M. Johnson, of this city. He is a Conservative and churchman; was born in 1843 at Upper Clifton, and married in 1888 to the only daughter of Lieut.-Col. Leach, R. E. C. B. Secretary of the Board of Agriculture.

Right Rev. D. O'Connor, D. D., Bishop of London, visited Stratford Wednesday, Nov. 19, and the scholars of the Separate schools and Loretto Academy prepared pleasing entertainments in his honor. His Lordship first visited the school on George street, where the pupils of that school as well as those of the Huron street school were assembled. A raised platform had been erected in one of the rooms and on this were seated about 150 children. The school was nicely decorated with evergreens.

Our clever young townsman, Walter Buckingham, is bravely maintaining his record at Toronto University as a bright student and plucky athlete. We see by the Toronto papers that the annual cross-country run of Toronto University there were fourteen competitors and the course was over six and a half miles of country. The course was heavy in spots. Walter Buckingham ended first in 41½ minutes, and the second to finish got in a minute later. The press say the time was exceptionally good.

Rev. Dr. Smith, formerly pastor of Knox church, Galt, the largest Presbyterian congregation in Canada, has just resigned the pastorate of St. John's church, San Francisco, under rather peculiar circumstances, a contemporary explains:—The congregation was deep in debt, contracted before the doctor took charge, and he was charged with preaching Christ and Him crucified too strongly to "draw." The people were not so anxious to learn the way to heaven as the way out of debt, and they would rather have their ears tickled than their souls saved. Dr. Smith is a very fine preacher. He is personally known to many in the classic city and therefore considerable interest is felt here in his movements.

### Listowel.

The weather during the past few days has had considerable of a wintry temperature about it. A good fall of snow would suit most people just now.

The Listowel and Harriston football teams met on the agricultural grounds in Harriston on Saturday, Nov. 15. Our boys succeeded in defeating their opponents by 2 goals to 0.

Messrs. T. Ballantyne & Sons shipped from Listowel a few days ago four cars of cheese, valued at \$12,000. We understand that about all the cheese in this neighborhood has been sold; other large shipments may therefore be looked for shortly.

Andrew Morris, who has been farming in the vicinity of Virden, Manitoba, returned to town on Monday of last week. He reports the crops in that section as being very good, though considerable injury was done by the wet weather during harvest.

The daily train service on the Georgian Bay division between Palmerston and Wiarton has been restored. This will be very satisfactory to the people north and any who may have occasion to travel that way. The change has affected the mail service on the division, there being again an open mail every day on the morning train from Stratford, same as during the summer months.

The family of J. W. Scott, banker, met with its first bereavement through the loss of one of its members, on Friday Nov. 14, when Mr. Scott's youngest daughter, Marjorie, died of membranous croup, after a few days' painful illness. The remains were interred in the Listowel cemetery on Saturday afternoon of last week, the funeral being attended by a goodly concourse of sympathizing friends.

The Entrance examination to High Schools and Collegiate Institutes will be held this year on December 22nd, 23rd and 24th, commencing each day at 9 o'clock. There is a slight alteration in the regulations upon the drawing and writing which reads as follows:—"Drawing Book No. 5 of the drawing course for public schools. The proper formation of the small and capital letters. The pupil will be expected to write neatly and legibly. Candidates for examination in drawing and writing must place their drawing and copy books in the hands of the presiding examiner on the morning of the first day of the examination. Every exercise must be certified by the teacher as being the candidate's own work, and the drawing and copy books should show his progress during at least three months. Drawing in any blank exercise book prescribed course, and no discrimination will be made in favor of work contained in the authorized drawing book."

### Mornington.

James Edwards, sr., is visiting old acquaintances in Poole.

Samuel Grosch, of Milverton, spent Sunday with friends on the 5th con.

Dame Rumor says a fair young lady on the 5th con. is about to enter into a life-long contract with a well-to-do young gentleman of Mornington.

Since the roads are in good shape again Charlie may be seen making his usual trips to see his friends in Atwood or rather to see his—well, we will tell you again.

The Milverton Brass Band appeared before the public for the first time last Monday evening. They did remarkably well considering the short time they have been organized. The high standing of the Band is largely due to the efficiency of their leader, Mr. Gunther.

The shooting match, which took place at Milverton House last week, was a grand success. Some crack shots were made, particularly by Mr. Lang, of Listowel, who made five bulls' eyes in succession. Also some fine air-gun shooting was made by Chas. Kertcher. In the evening a grand ball was participated in by the young people of the village, especially by two young men, who boast of having had the two best girls in the township.

The following is the standing of the pupils of S. S. No. 9 for the month of November as shown by the weekly examinations. Names are in order of merit:—Fifth Class—Sarah Roe, Agnes Sanderson and Rebecca Roe. Senior Fourth—Selena Edwards and Janet Hamilton. Junior Fourth—Horace Williams, Maria Edwards and William Sippell. Senior Third—Ada Long and Wm. Roe. Junior Third—Adam Hamilton, John McLellan and Edmund Long. Senior Second—Janet Hamilton, Martha Roulston and Mary McLellan.

J. L. WILSON, Teacher.

### Newry.

Our merchants are experiencing quite a boom of late. It is to be hoped the roads will continue good. A little more snow would be hailed gladly.

We regret that Thos. Fullarton and several members of his family were laid up several days this week with that wide-spread and tenacious malady—la grippe. The disease is quite prevalent in this locality.

Hugh Y. Smith has been engaged as teacher of S. S. No. 5 for 1891. He comes to the section well recommended and has had three years experience. He is at present attending the Ottawa Normal School. Mr. Morrison proposes attending Woodstock College with a view of taking out a first class certificate. His numerous friends in the section join in wishing him success in his college work.

Standing of the pupils of S. S. No. 5 for November:—Fifth Class—Max. 400—John Farrell 259, James Morrison 237, James Danbrook 211. Senior Fourth—Max. 400—Edith Alexander 297, Kattie Allison 225, Fred Wynn 218, Charles McFarlane 191, Robert McMane 163, James Dickson 58. Junior Fourth—Max. 300—Barbara McIntyre 272, Maggie Fullarton 230, Fannie Adams 212, Minnie Chisholm 210, Michael Richardson 207, Fred Danbrook 120. Senior Third—Max. 225—Maggie Allison 170, Carrie Gilmer 154, Charles Duclow 72, James Simpson 65, George Burton 60. Junior Third—Max. 125—Fred Houze 112, David Dunlop 112, Annie Danbrook 95, Eva Holmes 92. Second Class—Max. 125—Laura Simpson 105, Angus Dickson 99, Willie Struthers 93, Laura McMane 76, Teenie Allison 73. Part II—Max. 200—Albert Duclow 190, Willie Gilmer 183, Edie Hannah 176, Maggie Johnston 159, James Robb 109, Mervin Morrison 92. Total number on register during the month 60, boys 37, girls 23. Average attendance 54.

W. G. MORRISON, Teacher.

### Monkton.

Henry Near, who has lately been very ill with quinsy, is recovering.

Rev. A. Henderson spent part of last week in visiting the people of his congregation here.

The Methodist Sunday School children have begun practising for their annual Christmas entertainment.

The cheese manufactured at the Monkton factory during the months of September and October has been sold to Thomas Ballantyne for 10 cents per pound.

Who is THE BEE correspondent? is what most people in this village would like to know, but are unable to find out. The wagon maker, the school teacher, the postmaster, the hotel-keeper, the lumber dealer and others are all on the list of the accused, but still the matter remains unsettled. Try another guess good people.

The second meeting of the Bachelor's Union was held in the cellar of Machan's old mill on Monday evening last. The meeting was opened by the President singing or rather chanting that familiar old hymn, "Now I lay me down to sleep." The Manager then took the floor, but it was evident from his tearful face and shaky voice that he had a sad duty to perform. He was sorry he said to call in question the conduct of the first officer of their noble order, but he had reason to believe that that officer had been seen on the street with a fair charmer dangling on his arm, and that he had taken part in the rejoicings (charivari) over the blacksmith's marriage. The President felt hurt that he should be suspected, but he was willing to take his oath on his overcoat that the first charge was a mean lie. With regard to the second charge he admitted attending the charivari but said he did so with the object of getting recruits for their Society. Both these excuses were accepted and business was started. Among other things, the Secretary was appointed to interview Robert the Singer. He used to follow the rules of the Union, but the new organ and choir practise have led him astray. The Secretary closed the meeting by singing with great feeling "Rock-a-bye baby on the tree top."

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