

## COUNTRY TALK.

### Brussels.

Albert Denny, of Niagara, is home on a visit.

Miss Mary Oliver has gone to Toronto, to visit Mrs. Jno. Leckie.

Miss Maggie Maunders has gone to the millinery opening in London.

Our ice men have been hard at work all this week getting in their summer supply.

Rev. S. Sellery, P. A., B. D., preached at Wingham for Rev. Mr. Scott last Sunday.

Miss Brownlow, A. R. Smith's milliner for the past two seasons, is returning the 10th of March.

Owing to the "little winter" the farmers have been very busy, hauling in logs and wood this week.

Mr. Leatherland, of Stratford, supplied the pulpit of the Methodist church in the pastor's absence.

Mr. Brown, of Manitoba, is in town looking after a future partner. It isn't good for man to be alone.

Two weddings in which three Brusselsites are greatly interested, will shortly take place. Now guess if you can, now do.

The heart and home of S. T. Taylor, of Wroxeter, (formerly of Brussels) was gladdened by the arrival of a little daughter on the 18th inst.

Several of the persons who disturb the Salvation Army, narrowly escaped a taste of the law by promptly apologizing to the Captain and promising good behavior in future. They had better adhere to the promise, and others should take warning or they will be sorry if they don't.

A very successful social under the auspices of the Y. P. C. A. of the Methodist church, was held at the residence of Jno. Mooney, Morris, on Thursday evening. A good program consisting of readings, recitations and music was given. All enjoyed a pleasant evening, and agreed that Mr. Mooney's is just the place to go to have a good time.

Some of our citizens have evidently got tired of our nice little town, and even of our fair Dominion. As they have gone to Uncle Sam, and when none was looking for their departure, and leave behind several sorrowing friends who are poorer, if wiser, by their intercourse with them. The parties are Arthur Veal and W. J. Hunter. F. C. Rogers has leased the shop recently occupied by H. Willis, from Dr. Holmes, who is putting in a plate glass front, and by April 1st, Mr. Rogers will again be in full blast as a dry goods merchant.

The goods and chattels of the estate of Donald McLaughlin were sold last week and realized the sum of \$1,300. The 50 acres of swamp land was also sold at the sale to Jas. Duncan for \$710. F. S. Scott was the auctioneer. The corner farm was sold the following day to James Ireland, of Morris, for \$5,260, which is considered by everyone a good sale, but Mr. Ireland has got a splendid farm. All the property of the estate being now disposed of, the assignee will be able to distribute the assets as soon as the monies come into his hands, and will pay a fair dividend.

### Milverton.

Notwithstanding the general complaints as to dull times there is a very large number of teams in the village daily and merchants say there is a satisfactory business being done.

The annual meeting of Burns church, Milverton, was held on Tuesday of last week. The yearly report of Treasurer Pasmore showed a very satisfactory condition of the congregation's finances. The receipts for the year were \$1,235.51 and there is a balance on hand of \$42.65. The church debt was reduced by over \$100, and is now little over \$500. The membership and general congregational prosperity was of an encouraging character under the able and judicious ministrations of Rev. Mr. Kay, Messrs T. Connell J. Robertson and J. Tucker were re-appointed managers and W. Acheson takes the place of Mr. Pasmore who is shortly to remove from Milverton. Samuel Whaley was chosen treasurer in Mr. Pasmore's stead.

The weekly meeting of the Milverton Literary Society, was held on Monday, 17th inst. A large audience was present, which shows the interest taken in literary pursuits by the Milverton people and surrounding country. After a number of good readings, (one of which was a very laughable piece, entitled "How Sockery set the hen.") The debate then followed, which was hotly contested by both sides, the Negro and Indian being alternately overhauled. The subject being "Resolved that the Negro suffered more by the hands of the white man than the Indian," the leaders of the affirmative and negative were S. Munro and Mr. Acheson, who were supported by Messrs. Florence, Hamilton, Wilson and Curtis, and Munro, Curtis, Zerani and Appel, respectfully. After two hours of eloquent speaking by these gentlemen, the committee appointed decided in favor of the affirmative, which received the approval of the audience. Splendid music was furnished by a quartette, composed of ladies and gentlemen belonging to the society. The next meeting will be held on the 24th inst., at which the subject: "Resolved that the intellect of women is equal to that of men" will be discussed. Besides the debate, there will be songs, readings, dialogues and instrumental music. The meeting was then closed by Mr. Griffin's address on "Old Mother Hubbard," which was both amusing and instructive.

### Grey.

Mrs. Robt. Sweeney, of Merrill, Mich., is making a visit with relatives and friends.

Wm. Bishop is away to Woodstock locality where there is a probability of him making his home.

Lachlin McNeil has gone to Michigan for a few weeks on a business trip.

Farmers are making good use of the sleighing marketing wood and other farm products.

Miss Mary McIntosh, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter McIntosh of the 15th con. during the last 3 months, returned to Grand Rapids, Mich., the other day.

A resident of Grey, who recently held a sale and converted his stock, implements, &c. into something more easily removed has gone to parts unknown, at least to his creditors. Honesty is the best policy.

The corner farm of the Donald McLaughlin estate was sold to James Ireland, 3rd line, Morris, for the sum of \$5,260. The farm is a good one and Mr. Ireland is a good farmer so we expect everything will move forward.

Prof. Wm. Coutts is calling a meeting of the young people of S. S. No. 8 on Tuesday evening of last week, to see about organizing a singing class. We understand he is also making arrangements to have one in Barrie's school house, Morris township.

On the afternoon of Friday, 14th inst., a very enjoyable half-hour was spent in the school house, S. S. No. 8, when a number of the pupils contributed a choice and varied collection of readings, recitations, &c., together with vocal and instrumental music. Master Robt. McTaggart was chairman and good order and harmony prevailed throughout.

Men and oxen are skidding logs in Matheson's swamp for the Star sawmill, but no hauling out on sleighs can be done, owing to the unusual scarcity of snow this winter. Robt. Livingstone has the contract, and this continual waiting for "the beautiful" that seems never going to come in sufficient quantity must be very trying to him, but we haven't heard of any "barrels of profanity" as Mark Twain calls it, being wasted over the disappointment.

DEBATE.—On Friday evening this week, 23rd inst., a public debate is expected to be held in Shine's school house. The subject is "Resolved that Annexation would be better for Canada than Independence." For the affirmative, John Bain is captain, supported by Councillor Hislop, Jas. Bowman, Wm. Sloan and James Robertson. The negative will be looked after by Wm. Brydon, Malcolm Black, Wm. and A. Perrie and Jas. McLaughlin. The meeting will no doubt be interesting and the advent of new speakers will add vigor and freshness to the debate.

An occurrence of more than usual interest last week resulted in the committal of Mark Cardiff and J. L. Taylor, barrister, of Brussels, to stand their trial before the Judge. The nature of it is as follows:—Thomas Watson, agent for the Massey Mfg. Co., held a chattel mortgage on the stock of Jos. Whelpton, which he closed, and by the request of the latter, not to send the Division Court bailiff, F. S. Scott. Mr. Cardiff was sworn in and sent to take charge of the chattels. W. H. Kerr, editor of the Brussels Post, had also lent Mr. Whelpton a sum of money, secured by note, and on learning of the seizure of his stock, went to him and got him to confess judgment which he did on the understanding that no further action should be taken and that he would be paid from the proceeds of the sale of the chattels which were worth considerable more than the mortgage and his claim together. But immediately he got the acknowledgment of judgment he went to Goderich, applied to the judge for an order to execute the judgment which he obtained and placed in F. S. Scott's hands and here is where the trouble began. Mr. Scott went to Whelpton's where Mr. Cardiff was in possession of the chattels, taking with him a law book from which he read to Mr. Cardiff, trying to convince him he was wrong in holding the goods, and after considerable law talk from Mr. Scott, Mr. Cardiff, not being posted in law, and thinking he would not deceive him, gave him admittance to the stable when Scott immediately seized the goods and removed them to Barton's stable, Ethel. When Mr. Cardiff repeated the affair to Mr. Taylor, his lawyer, he ordered a seizure and the two in company with four or five more drove to Ethel and removed animals back to Mr. Whelpton's, and there kept them till Wednesday of last week, when they were sold by auction. Mr. Scott attended. He forbid the sale of the animals he had seized and tried to hold one horse by the halter rope in the stall when his opposing man cut the rope and Scott went backwards, doubling up in the manger. After the sale was over Mr. Kerr's claim was paid together with about \$40 of cost. Mr. Scott then laid information against Mr. Cardiff and Mr. Taylor for unlawfully taking the goods from Barton's stable. The magistrates, after hearing the case on Saturday, committed them for trial, Mr. Lang, of Ethel, accompanying them to Goderich. The judge accepted bail and both returned. The affair has caused considerable excitement in the locality.

### Avonbank.

A good, live correspondent to THE BEE wanted here.

Everybody seems to be more or less affected with the prevailing disease, la grippe.

Nearly all the brick is on the ground for the new church at Avonbank. It is going to be a grand structure.

The Misses M. Kellar entertained a number of their cousins on Thursday evening. A very enjoyable time was spent.

The following are the names of the three best pupils in S. S. No. 7, in their respective classes for the month of January:—5th Class—Mary Anderson, Maggie Murray, W. Cornish. Sen. 4th—Bella Cornish, James Gibson, James Thomson. Jun. 4th—Frankie Bell, Newton Hill, E. Gibson. Sen. 3rd—Herbert White, W. Anderson, A. Davidson. Jun. 3rd—W. Lamb, I. Lamb, W. Murray.

### Henfryn.

Rev. T. M. Smith and wife were in town on Monday.

A tea and entertainment will be given in the Methodist church on Wednesday evening, March 5th. Addresses will be given by Revs. Dr. Henderson, of Listowel, and D. Rogers, of Atwood, Rev. Mr. Davis, of Ethel, will assist in the musical entertainment. A good time is anticipated.

### Elma.

The Elma Agricultural Society have sold their farm, being Lot 20 in the 12th con., to F. Smith, of Listowel, the price is \$550.

John Tree, of the Salvation Army, who has been carrying on a successful revival on the 12th con., at the Zion church, was the guest of Samuel Love, last week.

It is with feelings of deepest regret that we announce the death of A. H. Tindal of the 14th con. Deceased had been suffering for considerable time with that fell disease consumption, and an attack of the prevalent complaint, la grippe, which no doubt hastened the end, which came on the 20th inst. The stricken family have the sympathy of the community in this their sad bereavement.

### Fullarton.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Curtis, of Bluevale, were visiting friends in Fullarton during last week.

John Westcott, who has been visiting friends near Oshawa during the past few weeks, has returned to Fullarton.

Robert Colgan, of Thorold, late of Fullarton, has sold his farm in the 9th con., containing 107 acres, to James Phipps, for \$6,030.

Jno. Ridge has bought the house and lot of Jno. Gettler, jr.; price \$437. Mr. Gettler is going to the Nipissing district to seek employment in the sawmill business.

A grand tea-meeting will be held at the Mt. Pleasant appointment of the C. M. church, on Monday, March 3rd. Addresses will be delivered by speakers from Stratford, Mitchell and resident ministers. Choice music will be rendered by the Bethel Choir. Special services on Sunday, March 2nd. It is, we believe, over thirteen years since an entertainment of this kind was held here and we hope this may be a good success, as it promises to be. The proceeds are to be applied to the purchasing of an organ, which the church is in much need of.

OBITUARY.—We are deeply grieved to have to record the death of Mrs. Wm. Morrison, which took place at her late residence in Fullarton township, on Tuesday, Feb. 18th, after an illness of only two weeks. Nothing was left undone that medical skill and careful nursing by kind friends could do, but all without relief. Notwithstanding the severe storm on Thursday afternoon the large procession which followed the remains to Fullarton Corner's cemetery showed the great respect and high esteem in which the deceased was held. She was born in Lanark County, Canada, was of Scotch descent, was a member of Motherwell Presbyterian Church, and at the time of her death was aged 65 years and 10 months. In 1852 she and her husband came to Fullarton township which was then a dense wood. Her husband, who survives her, is about 67 years of age, and has been afflicted with rheumatism for the last seven years. She leaves a large family consisting of six sons and three daughters who mourn the loss of an affectionate mother.

It is so sweet to know,  
That safe within the City's gates,  
On that fair shore our mother waits  
The time that we shall go.

So it is sweet to us,  
To thank the Lord that thou hast given  
So dear a link 'twixt earth and heaven,  
To bind our hearts to thee.

### Newry.

There is a good opening here for a shoemaker.

Mrs. Humphreys spent Sunday with her sister in Ethel.

Miss Wynn has returned from visiting friends in the Stone town.

Quite a number from the village attend Mr. Lamont's singing class in Atwood. They speak highly of him as a music teacher.

Mr. Wynn has been laid up for the last week with la grippe and a severe attack of quinsy. We are pleased to state that he is recovering.

A surprise party was held at Mr. Peebles on the 10th con. last week, and a pleasant and enjoyable time was spent. The "light fantastic toe" was indulged in till the "wee sma' hours."

Mr. and Mrs. Holmes spent Sunday with friends in Stratford. Mr. Holmes going as far as London on business.

Mr. Gee sold more eggs to the eggman last week than any other store on the route.

A rather complicated and perplexing query which is agitating the minds of some of our villagers is: What was a St. Marys bake wagon doing in our village the other Sunday? He is not wanted here in his business capacity as the much needed article is ably supplied by our Atwood friend.

THE BEE is slowly, but surely finding its way into every family in this neighborhood. No family should be without it. And in fact no person wishing to keep posted in county news should not will—be without it.

A rather complicated mechanical contrivance was constructed by one of our skilled sculptors and suspended like Mahomet's tomb in one of our business establishments. It must be gifted with a little instinct as its duty clearly shows. It knows dead heads as soon as they enter the threshold and an iron glove descends and seizes the victim by the throat and holds him till the utmost farthing is paid.

### Donegal.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar, of Ayr, are visiting at J. T. Anderson.

Revival services are still being conducted in the Methodist church. They are well attended.

A colt rising three years old owned by Chas. Mason died suddenly in its stable on Saturday morning last.

Miss Maggie Varner, of Stratford, is visiting at W. S. Buchanan's this week. Maggie is a prime favorite in the vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hume, of the 8th con., and Mrs. Thos. Whitefield, of Palmerston, were visiting at Charles Mason's on Monday.

James Hemphill, of Listowel, was in the village on Monday pushing the interests of the Temperance and General Life Assurance Company.

Our popular storekeeper, J. T. Anderson, has been doing a rushing business of late, judging by the number of eggs coming in. The hens must have got early to work this year.

While playing football in the school-yard on Monday noon one of the pupils, John A. McFarlane, slipped on the wet snow and sprained his ankle. We hope to see John moving around with his usual agility in a few days.

William Buchanan, of the 14th con., has been canvassing the rate payers of this section with a petition praying the Elma Council to open the side line between lots 25 and 26, on the 13th con. It was signed by a considerable number of the villagers, as many of them as are interested in property in that locality.

While Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Abram were returning from Milverton last Saturday afternoon, the horse became unmanageable and turning the corner, near the Union school house, rather abruptly pitching the sleigh box and its occupants into the ditch, when they made a break for liberty. After running more than two miles they were stopped by the determined efforts of John McCourt.

### Ethel.

A correspondent to THE BEE wanted here. We will supply you with all the necessary material. Let us hear from you.

MR. MILNE'S SHORT HORNS.—David Milne, the well-known breeder of this sale, has recently made the following sales of Shorthorns: To Elias Wallis, of Stirling Falls, Ontario, one yearling bull; to R. Dillworth, Ethel, two heifer calves; to Roderick Grey, McKillop, a young bull; to Edward Turner, Tucker-Smith, a young bull. All these are good stock and brought fair prices. Mr. Milne's herd of shorthorns now number 35 head, with six cows to come in yet. His calves from Perfection and Red King are very promising.

### Millbank.

The huntsmen of our town are making rabbit hunting a specialty.

Alexander Stewart, who has been laid up for the last two months with sciatica, is slowly recovering.

The many friends of the Rev. Mr. McKibbin of Millbank will be sorry to learn of his illness, caused by a gripper for the past week. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Wm. Gillispie set a good example to the young men of this place by taking to himself a wife in the person of Miss Helen Reid. They are both general favorites of old and young. We join in wishing them health, wealth and prosperity through life.—Beacon.

### Trowbridge.

W. H. Code, of Seaford, paid a flying visit to his friends here last week.

Miss H. Cosins, of Shakespere, is spending a few days with her friends.

Rev. H. A. Baylis, who has been home for a month on account of ill health is now able to take his work again.

Miss Cowan, of Wroxeter, is the guest of Miss Alexander.

James McKee had a bee on Monday last hauling saw logs.

### Listowel.

Messrs. Clinie, Austin and Bush shipped a stretcher turning machine on Tuesday of last week to the Knechtel Furniture Co., Hanover.

Mrs. F. Knapp visited her late husband's relatives in Neustadt, on matters connected with her farm in Manitoba. There has been here, awaiting her return since the beginning of the week, a check for \$2,000 insurance benefit in the A. O. U. W. The promissory which these benefits are paid is no small part of their value.

Kate Wenzel was removed on Monday this week to the asylum in London. She was a servant in town some time ago, was seduced by a young man, and her trouble ended in unbalancing her mind, which it appears was never very strong. At times of late, she became violent, and it was on that account decided to take her to the asylum.

R. Roth, of the Listowel brewery, has succeeded in housing about 300 tons of ice, cut from his own pond on the Maitland and other ponds in the neighborhood. In addition to this, Mr. Roth has purchased the ice off a thirteen-acre lake a short distance from Listowel, and is erecting a large ice house there for storing it. The ice house will be close to the G. T. R., and convenient for shipping.

At a congregational meeting held in Christ Church on Friday evening of last week, a resolution was unanimously adopted asking Rev. E. W. Haggles to reconsider his resignation of this parish, and a deputation was appointed to confer with him upon the matter. It was also resolved at the meeting that Christ Church, Listowel, raise the sum of \$800 per annum for minister's salary irrespective of any other arrangements that may be made in connection with the parish. We understand that Rev. Mr. Haggles intends having a personal interview with the Bishop in reference to his resignation, when it is hoped that a satisfactory arrangement will be made, whereby the rev. gentleman will remain in Listowel.

# READY! AIM! FIRE!

**READY** With your Cash for this is no credit sale nor produce taken.

No goods sold at the present sacrifice can be charged or sent out on approval.

**AIM**

To get the best for your money. Remember our Overcoats are faultless in style, and as perfect in fit as Tailoring art ever produced.

**FIRE**

Your money into our safe and take away with you double the value of your cash in stylish, well made and durable goods.

Former Prices, \$6, \$7, \$10, &c.

Present Prices, \$4, \$4.50 \$6.50 &c.

To make a speedy sale I have marked Suits down to rock bottom, starting them from \$3.75 up.

Robes worth \$9.00 for \$7.00  
Caps worth 1.00 for 50  
Caps worth 3.50 for 2.00  
Shawls worth 1.50 for 1.00  
Shawls worth 2.50 for 1.98

Felt Boots, Overshoes, &c., at interesting prices as they must be **Closed Out by March 15.**

If you live for a century such an opportunity as this will probably not occur again; our loss in every garment &c. is almost what we ask for it, but as we are overstocked there is no alternative but to sell. If you have no money borrow enough to buy some of these goods, it will be an investment never to be forgotten while life and memory lasts.

## J. L. MADER,

MAIN ST., ATWOOD.