

COMMUNICATIONS.

Road Work.

To the Editor of THE BEE. SIR:—About one of the smallest, meanest, little pieces of business that I can conceive of is that of asking the rural school teacher to perform statute labor. Elma township is the only one I ever struck that demands such a thing from the pedagogue. If he is constantly driving upon the roads as farmers and others are, and putting them out of order I say let him help repair them again; but as such is not generally the case it is the essence of gall to ask such a thing of him. It looks as if the township Council begrudged him even his hard-earned salary for they know he is not at liberty to perform the labor himself, consequently he is compelled to slide his hand to the bottom of his pocket and fork over the tin. The sooner such a thing is ended the greater will be the credit reflected upon our Councils or whoever is at the bottom of it.

Elma, June 15, 1891.

Reply to Hayseed.

To the Editor of THE BEE.

DEAR SIR:—I notice in your last week's issue an article from the pen of one who calls himself "Hayseed." He says he is an ignorant farmer, in this I quite agree with him, but I rather think when he says so he forgets by the tenor of his remarks that he is endeavoring to exalt himself above our most worthy Judge, who stands as high as any County Judge in the Province as far as justice is concerned, and as a man he has the respect of all with the exception of a simple "Hayseed," who ought to be pressed in with a second quality bundle of hay and shipped away. He refers to my "four brave sons." I am sorry I cannot call him a brave son of any person as his disrespectful language toward his superiors would condemn him before any people. He talks of "bullying," I think he can appropriate this remark to himself, as he is trying to bully not only Mr. Arnold and myself, but His Honor the Judge, who has forgotten more than ever he knew. He speaks about me taking the case to Toronto or the old country, in this I will use my own judgment as my money is my own, and I have always paid 100 cents on the \$ and I don't think I will need to ask "Hayseed" for any. In conclusion, I would say that I am a ratepayer of the township and I think I have a right to look after my own business without being called disrespectful names through the public press. Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for your valuable space, I remain,

Yours truly,

EDWARD BRIGHTON.

[We will allow no further discussion of this subject in these columns.—ED.]

Huron County Notes.

F. V. Dickson, of Wroxeter, captured a trout recently which weighed 1 1/2 pounds. The horse distemper has been playing sad havoc among equines throughout the county during the past few days. Rev. Mr. Hughes, of Wingham, will preach a special sermon to the Orange Order in Blyth on Sunday, July 12th. On Saturday, June 6, Robt. Hawthorne, Hullett, passed to his long home, having reached the great age of 93 years and 4 months. Thos. W. Gibson left Wroxeter Tuesday of last week for Toronto, where he is about to take a position in the Crown Lands Department of the Government. Harry Jessop, for several years clerk in McKinnon & Son's establishment, Blyth, has purchased E. D. Chamberlain's stock and has opened out a first-class grocery in the same stand. The Blyth firemen intend holding a grand firemen's tournament in that place on the first of July next. Besides the horse reel races, a good list of prizes will be awarded for athletic sports, &c. One of those happy events which occur only once in most people's lives, took place on Tuesday morning of last week at Seaforth, when Miss Maggie Purcell, of Seaforth, was wedded to Dominic Flynn, of Hullett. It is our sad duty to chronicle the death of "Granny Campbell," of Walton, as she was familiarly known. She died on Monday night of last week at the advanced age of 97 years. She broke her leg last March and has been a great sufferer ever since. It was with feelings of the deepest sorrow that our citizens learned of the death of Mrs. Kellam, of Seaforth, widow of the late Rev. H. Kellam. The sad event took place at her residence on Friday, June 5. The deceased was a native of Seaforth, and was a half-sister of Messrs. John and James Beattie. She has been a severe sufferer for many months from a cancer in the breast. Within the past year she had undergone three operations for the removal of the growth, and her system had been too severely tried to long outlive the last one. She was an active church worker and an earnest Christian lady, and will be much missed in church and social circles. Her husband was a clergyman in the Methodist church, and died about eight years ago. She leaves one son who will mourn the loss of a good and loving mother.

Sir John Laid to Rest.

Kingston witnessed an imposing pageant Thursday afternoon, June 11, when the mortal remains of her most illustrious son were interred. The funeral procession left the City Hall at 2:30. It was headed by the various benevolent societies, the Oddfellows, Orangermen, Foresters, Irish National Societies and United Workmen—all very numerously represented. Then came the city police, a detachment of the Fourth Regiment of Cavalry, the bands of "A" Battery and the 14th Batt., the officiating clergy, the wagons containing the flowers, and then the hearse, drawn by eight horses, and with the pall bearers, members of the Privy Council, walking alongside. Immediately following the hearse were the relatives and other chief mourners. Then came Col. Cassimer Gowski, A. D. C. to the Queen, who was appointed to represent Her Majesty on this occasion, and next was the carriage containing Sir Alex. Campbell and Premier Mowat, of Ontario. The members of the Senate and Commons followed on foot, and were succeeded by the members of the Local Legislature. At the head of these came W. R. Meredith, Q. C., M. P. P. The members of the Presbyterian Assembly, now in session here, followed in a body. Then came the militia officers not in command, the municipal deputations, the guards of the Penitentiary and Asylum, and next citizens. The procession was the largest ever witnessed in Kingston.

At Cataract cemetery a stone vault had been built on the Macdonald family plot, the floor and sides of which consist of immense stone slabs eight inches thick, and the covering slabs, of similar thickness, remained held by ropes and derricks ready to be lowered when the casket was deposited.

At the grave the pall-bearers formed in two lines from the hearse to the grave, and the eight members of "A" Battery carried the casket through the opening ranks, and carefully lowered it into the vault. The service was then read by Ven. Archdeacon Jones, and Rev. J. J. Bogert also attended. The Privy Council here advanced to have one last look at the casket, and then the huge slab was lowered to shut it out of sight forever.

The scene at the grave was very affecting, there being a very large number of aged friends of Sir John, who were quite overcome by their feelings of grief.

The funeral started in bright sunshine, but ere it reached the cemetery—a distance of nearly three miles from the City Hall—the sky was overcast with clouds, and it seemed as if there was to be a recurrence of the day before, where nature adds her tears to those of sorrowing mankind. The rain held over till the funeral party had returned to the city, when there was a refreshing shower, accompanied by thunder and lightning.

It was 4:40 when the casket was lowered, and about 5 o'clock when the sad ceremony was concluded and the cortege dispersed.

Listowel.

Whew! isn't it hot. An energetic correspondent wanted here. The Lamont Bros. are booming their piano and organ business these days. Quite a number of our young people attended the union school picnic, near Trowbridge, last Saturday. Scott and Jones shipped four cars of stock from this station on Monday of last week, two cars of cattle and two of hogs. There were about 200 hogs in the lot. Adam Austin since his appointment as inspector of the Millers and Manufacturers' Insurance Company, has resigned his position as engineer in the fire company. The delegation which left Listowel on Wednesday afternoon of last week to attend Sir John Macdonald's funeral at Kingston on Thursday, consisted of W. M. Bruce, Mayor; H. B. Morphy, J. A. Watson, A. St. Geo. Hawkins, Dr. Dingham, Geo. Towner and H. F. Buck.

At the second cheese fair of the season at Listowel there was a large turnout of both buyers and salesmen. By a vote of 21 to 4, it was decided to do away with the call system. Undoubtedly many who voted for its abolition are in favor of the call system conducted under stringent rules, but when an amendment to prohibit negotiation at the fair except at the call board was negated they preferred to do away with the call altogether. The best price was 9c., obtained by Bluevale.

At the May examinations of Toronto University, the following students from Listowel were interested:—Roy Nichol took first year examination with honors in Natural Science, and Biology; F. S. Selwood passed his second year examination with 1st class honors in Chemistry, Mineralogy, Biology, Practical Mineralogy, Practical Biology, 1st class in Physics and 2nd class in Practical Chemistry; Miss Jessie Climie completed her third year with 1st class honors in English, German and Spanish, 2nd in French and Italian. Selwood took a splendid stand in his class, leading the list in Biology, Practical Biology, and standing second in Chemistry, Mineralogy and Geology, and in Physics. Miss Climie took a capital stand, being beaten for first place by but one student Mr. Edgar, of Toronto.

Country Talk.

Henfryn.

Wm. Beirnes, who has been in the hotel business here, has sold out to Mr. Taylor and has gone to Listowel where he will conduct a liquor store.

Rev. J. H. Dyke, who was pastor of the Methodist church here for several years, has been appointed to Belgrave circuit this year. He will do good work on that field of labor as he is an excellent preacher and a hard worker.

Newry.

Mrs. Smith, of Chicago, was visiting friends in Newry this week.

Miss Mary McNeelands has gone to the Lower Province on a visit.

Some talk of a wedding taking place here shortly. A Stratford young gentleman is interested.

The new curing-room of the Newry cheese factory is rapidly nearing completion and bids fair to become an excellent building.

Statute labor is being performed this week. Push forward the sidewalk between Newry and Atwood; the latter place should show an equal spirit and come half way.

Elma.

Stephen Hamilton, 10th con., sold a fine mare the other day for the sum of \$160. R. Hay, of Listowel, was the purchaser. This is a good price.

At the vestry meeting, held last week in St. David's church, Henfryn, Dr. Cale, of Ethel, and Thos. Smith, of the 14th con., were elected wardens.

After a prolonged illness, during which time he suffered the greatest agony, Herbert Collins, of Henfryn, passed over to the great majority on Sunday last in his eighteenth year. Consumption was the immediate cause of his death. Deceased was highly respected and was a moral living young man. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the community.

WE ARE THE PEOPLE.—Elma's claim to be the banner township will apparently soon be recognized in the county. In one very important particular she takes a good lead. From the very elaborate report on schools presented to the County Council last week by Public School Inspector Alexander, we call the following: Elma spent on her schools last year \$10,592, nearly fifty per cent. more than any other township in the county. Mornington (Milverton included) coming second with \$7,123, and Blanshard third with \$6,639. That the results were commensurate with the expenditure is shown by the promotion examinations. The Elma schools passed a total of 248 pupils and just as in the amount of expenditure Mornington comes second with 192 and Blanshard third with 178. The other townships come up in the following order: Ethel, Fullerton, Logan and Downie (equal), North Easthope, Hibbert, Wallace and South Easthope. In the matter of contributing to the county exchequer, Elma is not yet at the top, but will likely soon be put there. The total valuation of Elma on the equalized assessment, being \$2,356,200, a sum which is exceeded only by Blanshard and Downie. Elma is also the only township to have three representatives at the County Council.

PICNIC.—The first picnic of the season was held in Geo. Jackson's grove, near Trowbridge, last Saturday afternoon. Trowbridge and S. S. No. 2, Elma and Wallace boundary schools (J. McCormick and Miss I. R. McBain, teachers) united. The day was beautiful, the arrangements complete and the turnout large. Amusements of a varied character were heartily participated in. Following is the program: Chairman's address, J. W. Ward; music, "The Glee"; Trowbridge girls; recitation, J. H. McBain; duet, Mr. and Miss Hewitt; solo, Miss Henderson; speech, R. H. Knox; solo, Miss McLaren; quartette, Union Quartette Club; selection, "The Tyrolean Ducks"; Atwood Quartette Club; address, T. M. Wilson; instrumental, Miss McLaren; song, Mr. Stapleton; solo, Dr. Rice; solo, Wm. Adams; selection, "Mortgaging the Farm"; Atwood Quartette Club; recitation, Miss Maggie Graham. While all performed their several parts creditably, special praise is due Miss Henderson, who sang "Far Away" with beautiful effect and gave conclusive proof of possessing a rich, sweet soprano voice. A course of Music would place Miss Henderson in the front rank of Canadian vocalists. The recitation by J. H. McBain was well received, as were also the addresses by R. H. Knox and T. M. Wilson. That ever popular song, "Mortgaging the Farm," was rendered in good style by the Atwood Quartette Club. The solo by Wm. Adams was rapturously enjoyed. An exciting game of football was one of the features of the program. The match was between the Listowel High School and Trowbridge clubs, resulting in favor of the latter by two to one. C. J. Wynne refereed the game with general satisfaction. Lamont Bros., of Listowel, kindly placed a handsome piano-cased Bell organ at the disposal of the picnickers. A picnic without an instrument is a tame affair. Altogether Mr. McCormick and Miss McBain are to be congratulated on the success attending their first union school picnic.

Poole.

Statute labor is the order of the day. Mr. and Mrs. John Shearer, of Bright, are visiting friends in this neighborhood.

Samuel Anderson, the seven year old son of Wm. Anderson, of this place, fell from the branches of an apple tree on Saturday evening and broke his arm. Dr. Catermole, of Milverton, was summoned, who set the injured arm and the little fellow is doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances.

A lawn social under the auspices of the I. O. G. T. will be given in the grounds of Mr. Gopper, on the 26th inst. The arrangement of the program, etc., is in the hands of a first-class committee, who will doubtless succeed in making the affair an unqualified success. The gates will be opened at 7 p.m., when guests will be admitted for the small sum of 10c. Refreshments can be procured on the grounds.

Grey.

Miss Ann Stewart left Brussels on Tuesday of last week for Dakota.

John McIntosh, an old and well-known resident, has gone on a pleasure trip to Dakota, where he will visit his sons.

Hay is going to be a short crop this year if rain does not come speedily. The clover is already beginning to put forth its blossom.

David Maguire is visiting his parents in Middlesex County in the hope of recruiting his health which has been very poor all winter.

The council will meet as Court of Revision of drainage assessment, under By-law No. 284, of the township of Elma, on Friday, 19th inst., at Zimmer's hotel, Cranbrook, at 11 a.m.

The early dawn of Sunday morning, June 7th, saw the extinguishing of the taper of life in the case of an old, honorable and highly esteemed resident of this township in the person of John Lowe. He was born in Perthshire, Scotland, near a village called Callander, and came to Grey about thirty-five years ago, settling on lot 10, con 5, where he continued to live to the time of his death. By steady work and careful management he prospered and lived to enjoy a most comfortable home. The deceased was married twice, his first wife being Miss Elizabeth Johnston, of Haldimand County, by whom he had six children, all living. His second wife was Miss Ann Weatherspoon, of Grey township, who survives him. Mr. Lowe had been ailing for about six months or over from Bright's disease and other complications but a great many were surprised to hear of his decease. Rev. John Ross, B. A., conducted the funeral service, the interment being made at Brussels cemetery. The subject of this notice was a member of the Presbyterian church for many years. His age was 63 years, 3 months and 7 days. The wife and family have the sympathy of all in their sad bereavement.

Brussels.

The bricklayers are at work on J. G. Skene's store.

It is reported that one of our popular storekeepers is soon to join the army of benevolence.

Rev. S. Sellery, M. A., B. D., has been appointed to Wingham and has been elected chairman of the Wingham district.

The brief work on this American hotel was completed last week and the carpenters are now pushing their department.

J. D. Ronald and wife have gone on an extended tour taking in Halifax, Boston, New York, Albany, Niagara Falls, etc.

County Engineer Ansley, by instructions of County Council, will have two wing walls erected at the south abutment to the Brussels bridge.

W. Blashill and A. Kenig are away at Toronto attending the High Court in connection with the C. O. F. They represent Brussels and Ethel.

W. H. McCracken is visiting the scenes of his boyhood in the neighborhood of Peterboro'. He will likely see Rochester, N. Y., before he returns home.

A. J. McColl, barrister, and wife, formerly of Brussels, were in town the other day. We understand they purpose taking a trip round the world. Their home is in New Westminster, B.C.

Beattie Bros. have been awarded the contract of carrying the mail between Brussels post office and the depot and return. Tenders are now asked for the conveyance of the mail from Seaforth to Wroxeter.

G. A. Deadman, druggist, has a Jersey heifer that has given \$5,000 lbs. of milk in 7 months and 7 days, with her first calf. He would like to know where there is a two-year-old of any breed that can beat this.

Friday evening, June 5, John Rivers, of Stratford, was united in marriage to Miss Rachel Snipes, of Brussels, at the residence of Robt. Hamilton, grand father of the bride. Rev. S. Jones tied the matrimonial knot.

On receipt of the news of Sir John Macdonald's death the flags on the Queen's hotel and the Orange Hall were run up at half-mast. Two of his portraits were draped in crape and placed at J. T. Pepper's drug store window.

Canada's New Premier.

Hon. J. J. C. Abbott was chosen by his Excellency the Governor-General Prime Minister of Canada on Saturday, June 13th, and entrusted with the formation of a new Cabinet, a task he accepted and is now endeavoring to discharge.

On Saturday morning Mr. Abbott had an interview with Sir Hector Langevin at the latter's residence, and having conciliated that leader drove straight to Rideau Hall, where he remained an hour with his Excellency. On his return Mr. Abbott wrote the following for publication:—

"In conformity with his Excellency's desire Mr. Abbott has undertaken the formation of a Cabinet, and this decision has been arrived at with a full understanding with those of his colleagues who have been spoken of in connection with the Premiership, and with assurances from them of their cordial support."

Sir John Thompson will be leader in the Commons.

Perth County Notes.

The Stratford junior lacrosse club will play the Clinton club on the 19th inst.

The excise collections at Stratford division for the month of May were \$6,602.05.

Miss Agnes Knox gave a recital in the Presbyterian church, Granton, on Friday, June 12th.

"Shock" Hawkins of the Stratford Herald staff had the misfortune to jam one of his hands last week.

John Bush, Sebringville, has a curiosity in the shape of a coat with only the hind legs. It is doing well.

After all the "tooting" of the local press there will be no celebration in Stratford this year on July 1st.

Thos. Pratt, who has resided near Mitchell for 35 years, passed away on Tuesday, June 9th, at the age of 73.

Mrs. Thos. Ballantyne and Miss Ballantyne, of Stratford, left on Thursday of last week for Clifton Springs, N. Y.

A chicken having four legs and four wings was hatched recently by a Leghorn hen owned by F. Smith, of Stratford.

A branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has been started by the ladies of the Methodist church, of Milverton.

W. H. Coulton, councillor of Ellice, is the owner of a mare which recently gave birth to twins, both of which are living and doing well.

The ladies of the Millbank Presbyterian church have organized a Ladies' Aid society to furnish the new church now in course of erection.

F. S. Miller, a Stratford lumber dealer, has levanted, leaving private banker Kane, of Gorrie, with a shortage of \$265. If his whereabouts is discovered, Miller will be extradited.

A monster union picnic in which all the English church Sunday schools in the deanery will be invited to participate will be held in Stratford shortly. The date has not yet been set.

Alexander Miller, of Wellesley, had a valuable horse shot in his field some days ago. The affair is somewhat of a mystery but a neighbor admits having fired a shot or two that day in the vicinity.

Mr. Brechter, of Mornington, erected a very fine barn, and also Mr. Smith. What was once designated as Brechter's swamp is going to be one of the finest and best agricultural sections in the county.

R. A. Duncan, who has been a resident of Mitchell for some years, died of that dread disease, consumption, on Sunday, June 7. He leaves a wife and grown-up family, fairly provided for by insurances which he carried upon his life.

John Borton, news agent running between Stratford and Point Edward, had his news-box stolen from the baggage-car Friday night of last week. It was taken out to the Purifier Co.'s works, broken into and contents carried off, amounting to about \$25. It is supposed to be the work of tramps.

There are in the Stratford Beacon office complete bound files of The Beacon extending back 37 years to its first issue, in which is to be found a complete history of the village, town and city of Stratford, and of the county of Perth. What other journal in Ontario can boast of such a library of local record.

Mrs. J. Trow and daughter, of Stratford, had a narrow escape from a very serious injury the other day. They were driving near the Boy's Home at Stratford, and when ascending a steep hill, the weight became too heavy for the horse, and the vehicle and its occupants were hurled to the foot of the embankment. The ladies escaped with a few bruises, but the buggy and harness were badly smashed.

These gentlemen from this county attended the funeral of Sir John at Kingston on Thursday of last week:—Stratford—S. R. Hesson, ex-M. P., ex-Mayor David Scrimgeour, John O'Donohue, Listowel—W. M. Bruce, Mayor; D. D. Campbell, A. St. George Hawkins, Geo. Towner, Dr. Dingman, John Watson, H. B. Morphy, Geo. H. Towner, Henry F. Buck, Mitchell—Dr. Cull, W. R. Davis, St. Marys—H. Fred. Sharpe, Major White, John McCurdy, R. T. Gilpin, J. C. Gilpin.