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Second Edition. OURSELVES.

This week's REPORTER completes the second year of its issue. We celebrate the event by making certain improvements in the appearance of the paper which we are sure will please our readers.

The artistic title which heads our first page is the workmanship of the Grip Engraving Co., Toronto, and is a reproduction of a drawing by our fellow townsman, C. C. Slack.

Our readers will agree with us that the design is very creditable to Mr. Slack's artistic abilities. There are other improvements in the typography of the REPORTER which we are sure our readers will appreciate.

We aim to please, and will endeavor, by every means in our power, to make the paper a welcome visitor to the homes of our patrons.

As the improvements noted, as well as the every day disbursements of the office, figure up to a very large amount, we feel the necessity for prompt remittances from subscribers.

This being the festive season, we wish our friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and hope those of them in arrears on our books will reciprocate by wiping out the small amounts due, thus rendering our New Year happy and prosperous.

FARMERSVILLE. ITS PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE.

In the short and hastily prepared article which we propose writing, we shall deal more with the present, than with the past or future of our thriving little town.

But in our progress we are making it may be well to revert to its past history, that we may more fully illustrate the rapid growth, the excellent location and the great advantages offered to all who come here on business, or on pleasure bent.

Regarding the past our information is rather meagre on some points, as no official records of the first owner of the soil on which the village is built is at our disposal.

From our old friends, Arza Parish, Esq., Thos. Hayes, Esq., and Riley Smith, Esq., the oldest inhabitants, we gather the following

Historical Sketch.

The first building erected inside what is now the village of Farmersville, was put up about 1786, by John Dixon and stood within a few feet of what is now Lamb & Davison's store.

It was a small log building, about 15 x 30 feet and was used for a hotel and dwelling, until about the year 1836, when Dixon sold out his claim to Joshua Bates, and, having become a

CONVERT TO MORMONISM, left for Nauvoo, U. S., and was never heard from in this section afterwards.

One of Riley Smith's sisters, the wife of Murray Simmons, with her husband and family, joined the same company of converts. It is related by Mr. Smith that about two years afterwards this family returned to Leeds county and told the following episode of their adventure.

On the day the party from Canada reached Nauvoo, the men of the party cut a long pole, peeled the bark off, fastened a flag to the top and raised it as a liberty pole. In less than two hours afterwards a black cloud arose accompanied by thunder, and a

LIGHTNING FLASH struck the pole, shivering it to atoms. This, acting upon the superstitious fears of the converts to a new faith, was taken as a mark of divine displeasure at their apostasy, and as many as possibly could so started for their old homes, which some of them did not reach for nearly two years.

The old tavern was used as a tenement house for a long time, when it finally came into the possession of Thomas Hayes, who used it as a cooper shop for a number of years. A few rods distant were the sheds and stables for the accommodation of travellers. These were built of logs with a trough roof, and one peculiar feature of the place was the unique sign which hung from a pole at the end of the stable, and which consisted of an old iron teakettle, which had long before ceased to be of duty in the kitchen.

Dixon, it is supposed, was the first owner of lot 13 in the 8th concession, and cleared the greater portion of the land. He also set out the first orchard in this township, some of the trees still remaining on the lots now owned by A. E. Donohue.

THE first frame building was on the spot where Taplin's store now stands, and was built in 1829. It was used as a store by Joshua Bates, who afterwards sold the building and business to Wellington Landon. A Mr. Roe also erected four frame buildings about the year 1835, one of which stood where Duggan's shoe shop now stands. This was used for many years as a tavern, was finally moved up to Elgin st.

and is now owned and occupied by Samuel Boddy. The

FIRST STONE HOUSE erected was that now owned by S. A. Taplin. It was built by Philip Harrington in the year 1836. In 1834 Joshua Bates built a grist mill, on the stream near what is now Middleton's place. A few years afterwards a saw mill was added, and the combined mill was run by Mr. Bates for others for about 20 years, when it was burned down. As the ownership of the land on which it stood has been in dispute ever since, the mills were never rebuilt.

Some three or four years after the erection of the saw mill Mr. Bates built the old carding mill, situated a few rods farther down the same stream. This mill has passed through many and strange transformations, having been run by water steam, wire cable from an adjoining mill, and then again by steam. The owners and occupiers of the old carding mill are almost legion; but the business appears to be now permanently established under the management of J. F. and H. O. Gordon, and we predict many years of usefulness for the old building.

In 1835 the whole of lot 13 in the 9th concession was owned by Henry Wiltse, who settled in a small log house near the present site of Karley's store. A few years later he built a frame house on the spot where the dwelling of S. B. Williams now stands, and the next lot below was taken up by Samuel Wiltse, who lived there for many years, and finally removed to Brockville, where he now resides. Samuel Wiltse was the

PIONEER STAGE DRIVER of the County of Leeds, having secured the contract to carry the mails from Addison to Westport. In 1834 Joshua Bates entered into a contract to carry the mails from Brockville to Beverly (now Delta). The mail was carried on horseback in those days in a small canvas or deer skin bag, strapped to the crupper of the saddle. Joshua Bates was the

FIRST POSTMASTER, and to him is accredited the naming of the village. In 1840 Richard Giles was appointed postmaster and in 1849 Arza Parish, Esq., was appointed, receiving his commission from England. The first blacksmith shop was erected on the rear of the lot which the Armstrong House now stands. The stone house now occupied by Wm. Mott was erected in 1842 by Lewis Johnston, who had a blacksmith shop on the same lot. On the 10th of June, 1830, the first

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY was formed for the county of Leeds, the meeting being held in the hotel of Mr. Derbyshire, in Farmersville. The Hon. Mr. Charles Jones was the first president and George Brockbridge, John Ketchum and Joseph Wiltse vice presidents. In January 1833, Arza Parish settled in the village and has had a continued residence here ever since. Strange to say, at the present time there is not a man, woman or child left in the village who resided here at the time Mr. Parish settled, excepting himself, Mrs. Parish, and Riley Smith.

In the year 1834 Mr. Parish commenced the erection of the building now the Armstrong Hotel. When Mr. Parish settled in the village there was only the log tavern, on the south side of the village, from the farm of Joseph Wiltse to the brow of the hill, half a mile west of the village, and he can distinctly remember seeing all the cleared land on that side of the highway soon to fall wheat. The first meeting of

THE SOCIETY OF FRIENDS were held in a small cooper shop, owned by Gershom Wing, situated near the present residence of C. L. Lamb, and the

FIRST PUBLIC SCHOOL was held in a building near the same place. Mrs. Arza Parish and a man named Swan opened the first Sunday School in this building. Shortly after this the house was burned down after the building now owned by Hiram Holmes.

A few years afterwards, through the exertions of Thomas Hayes and others, a new brick school house was erected on what is now Victoria Street—the house at present owned by Gershom Yates. This building was used for school purposes until 1860 when the trustees erected the building on Wellington Street now used as a

PUBLIC AND MODEL SCHOOL. This was the first important given to the present splendid system of training for school teachers, and when, in 1878 the

HIGH SCHOOL building was erected the permanent teachers were established here. Looking back a few years, we find that in 1855 Joshua Bates erected the building now owned by the Baptist congregation, to be used as a select school. He engaged as teacher, Lewis Chipman who was succeeded by J. B. Holmes, M.A., who carried on school on his own account for some time and afterwards employed as head master of the grammar school which was started in 1860.

In 1860 the first express wagon was run between here and Brockville, by Peter Johnston, who has been engaged in the business ever since.

The first covered express wagon was put on by James Ross, about 10 years later. At present there is a daily express to and from Brockville.

David Wiltse, another old settler, had a log house near the foot of the hill on the west side of the village. Henry Wiltse, commonly called long Henry, put up a small building on the land now owned by E. DeWolfe, being the first house in that part of the village. In 1835 Phillip Wing had a store on the spot now occupied by the store of A. Parish & Son. Fordyce L. Lothrop, for many years a public auctioneer in Brockville, removed from Unionville in 1834 and carried on a store here for some time. His venture not proving successful, he soon removed to Brockville, where he resided until his death.

The original owners of the lots on Main Street placed the buildings back about twenty feet from the line, from Philip Harrington's house to the corner of Henry Wiltse's farm (which would be near where Gilroy's carriage shop now stands). Here the corner of the fence came out to the line and the fence corner was full of plum trees.

In 1836 a young lady friend of Mrs. A. Parish came from Augustus on a visit. When near the present site of the toll-gate she was told that she was near the village of Farmersville. In her eagerness to see the place she got up on the seat of the lumber wagon to get a good view; but the plum trees in the corner of Wiltse's fence completely obscured the embryo village. In 1835 Davis King erected the building now occupied by Mr. Lamb and Joseph Thompson. It was used for many years as a hotel. About the first frame building to be erected on the south side of Main Street was the building now owned by Arch. Kincaid. It was built about the year 1837.

THE OLD M. E. CHURCH was erected in 1842, and for a number of years it stood the only monument of civilization on the south-east side of the village. In 1863 the

C. M. CHURCH was erected, principally through the exertions of Mr. George Nash.

In the year 1842 Joshua Bates opened the road (now called Church Street) from near his residence to his mill. This was the first street laid out in the village. There are many other items of interest which might be noted, did not want of space forbid.

Since the year 1879, when the high school building was finished, the progress of the village has been

RAPID AND PERMANENT. The facilities offered here to those wishing to qualify themselves for the profession of teaching, is second to none in the Province, and parents were not slow to avail themselves of the superior advantages for giving their children a first-class education. Without doubt Arza Parish deserves greater credit than any of the old inhabitants for the advancement of educational interests, he having been on the board of school trustees for over forty years.

Having given a hasty sketch of the past of our thriving village, let us take a glance at the

Farmersville of To-day.

The village has an area of about 200 acres, and has at the present writing about a thousand inhabitants. It is estimated that there are 200 dwellings inside the police incorporation. Of the different

INDUSTRIES carried on here, we may give the following summary: manufactories, 7; carriage shops, 3; general stores, 6; grocery stores, 5; boot and shoe shops, 3; tin shops, 2; harness shops, 2; cabinet shops and undertakers, 2; drug store, 1; milliners, 3; dress-makers, 6; sewing machine and musical instrument agents, 2; tailor shops, 3; marble works, 1; bakery, 1; stone cutters, 2; butchers, 2; printing office, 1; liveries, 3; painters, 4; barber shops, 2; butchers, 2; hotels, 2. Turning from the industrial to the

INTELLECTUAL OUTLOOK of the village, we find churches, schools and societies in abundance. The lover of the mysterious will find food to satisfy the most morbid appetite in a contemplation of the paraphernalia and symbols of the

FIVE SECRET SOCIETIES which fatten on the good things of our village. The Masonic fraternity hold monthly carnival over Armstrong's Hotel. The Oddfellows play odd and even at present in the Orange Hall, but will ere another week be located in their new hall over Lamb & Davison's store. The Orangemen meet once a month in their elegant hall at the Gamble House. The Ancient Order of United Workmen meet when occasion requires in the rooms over Arnold's store; while last, though not least, the W. C. T. U. meet once a week in the basement of the North Church, to devise active measures of warfare against King Alcohol in all its forms.

Next week we shall give a brief description of the churches and buildings, and the works of construction and repair carried on during the past year, giving all the information possible as to size, cost and owners and contract-

ors' names. We will also notice briefly in detail the different industries carried on in the village, the whole being designed to show our material progress during the past three-quarters of a century.

THE CLERK'S ANNUAL DINNER.

Last week was an eventful one in our history. That we were able to attend to the daily avocations of life after passing through two such trying ordeals as we did last week, is to be wondered at. On Monday evening we were treated to a sumptuous repast of fresh fruit, doughnuts and other delicacies, at Caintown, and when on Friday last we were asked to help demolish the annual corporation dinner at the residence of Clerk Blackburn we felt like exclaiming like good old Simoon of old, "Now lettest thou," etc., for we have seen and partaken of everything worth hankering after. As most of our readers are aware, it has been the custom of our genial township clerk to invite the township officers to take dinner with him on the day of the last sitting of the council for the year. This year the Reeve, J. B. Saunders, Deputy Reeve M. Halladay, Councilors Berney, Brown and Moulton, Treasurer W. G. Parish, and the Editor of the *Reporter*, gathered around the festive board and spread that would have done credit to any first class caterer in the Dominion. The oyster soup was seasoned to a nicety; the turkey was browned to a turn, and the plum pudding was prepared as only an Englishman's wife knows how. The after dinner speeches were dispensed with, no doubt for the reason that the participants in the feast were too full for utterance.

AN EXPENSIVE HORSE TRADE.

HILL vs. FERGUSSON.—This was an action for deceit, fraud and breach of warranty, arising out of a horse trade in October last, and tried at the County Court on the 14th and 15th insts. The case was ably conducted by J. C. Judd, for Hill, and James & Wright for Fergusson. This case created considerable excitement in Farmersville, owing to the fact that the parties reside here and that a large number of witnesses were subpoenaed to testify in the case. It developed into probably one of the heaviest horse cases ever held in these counties, and was keenly contested from beginning to end. Great interest was manifested, and after a trial of two full days a verdict was rendered for plaintiff for \$115 damages and his costs. The plaintiff's case was ably conducted, and his counsel, J. C. Judd, is the subject of much deserved praise.

The following summary of the facts, as brought out by the evidence, will be of interest. The plaintiff Hill, who is a cabinet maker here, had a horse valued at \$125, which he wished to trade for a pony belonging to Jas. Fergusson, the defendant, who resided about three miles from Farmersville, on the Charleston road. The subject of the trade had been talked of several times, and on the 23rd of October last the plaintiff drove to defendant's place to see if the trade could be effected. The defendant at the time was ploughing in a field adjacent to the roadway, his team consisting of the pony and a blind horse. He unhitched his team and drove them to the road and into a mud hole, so that it was not convenient to inspect their heads. At this juncture the plaintiff would trade the horse; but not the pony. He would be up to the village in a little while with the animal, and let the plf. see him go single. The deft. came to the village about 8 p. m., and the two men drove the horse up King street and around Taplin's corner. When the plaintiff casually remarked that it was so dark the horse could not see. They then returned to plf's, unhitched the horse and tied him in the carriage house with his harness on. They then went into the house for about an hour, when the deft. said he was going to a dance, and started for his horse. The trade was then agreed upon, and plf. assisted deft. to change the harness and get off. Not until after deft. had gone did the plf. discover that the horse was blind. Plf. then made a legal demand for the return of his horse, which was disregarded by deft., and hence the legal proceedings. The result is a very large bill of costs which the deft. will have to pay.

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