

## Town Talk.

### MUD! MUD! MUD!!!

NEXT Thursday, Nov. 6th, has been proclaimed the day for national thanksgiving.

Mrs. JOLLY returned to her home in London last Monday after a few weeks' pleasant stay with relatives and friends in this locality.

QUARTERLY meeting next Sabbath morning in the Methodist church, at 10:30. Service in the evening, at 6:30, conducted by D. Collins, of Trowbridge. The evening services during the fall and winter will commence at 6:30.

THE Atwood Junior Football Club played the pupils of Elma and Wallace boundary school last Saturday, resulting in favor of the home team by 3 to 0. It was evident something was wrong judging from the whooping and yelling they kept up while driving into town Saturday evening.

A PROMINENT member of the Baptist church suggests that the young people of the Methodist and Baptist congregations unite their forces and organize a Young People's Endeavor, Epworth League, or something of this character. We cannot see why such a union would not be productive of good results.

A FEW postoffice changes have recently been made. The postoffice at Clapton's Corners, Wentworth Co., has been re-opened. The following Ontario postoffices were closed at the beginning of the month: Britannia Bay, Carleton; Footes' Bay, Simcoe, E. R.; Groat's Corners, Stormont, O.; Mettawas, Essex, S. R.; North Valley, Stormont; Sand Banks, Prince Edward; Tempo, Middlesex, S. R.

THE Wharton Encores passed the first milestone of its career last week. The Encores is one of the newest exchanges that reaches our sanctum, and judging from the liberal advertising patronage received it is regarded by the enterprising people of Wharton and peninsula as a felt necessity. Our wish is that the publishers may reap a bountiful harvest of toad skins next January.

The leaves are falling from the trees; the birds no longer sing; The songs of love and gladness they warble in the spring; But though the days are shorter and the winds do moan and sigh, The season is approaching for the Hot

Mince Pie.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE.—The usual Thanksgiving service will be held in the Presbyterian church this year. Rev. D. Rogers is announced to preach at 11 a. m. The collection taken at the close of the service will be applied to charitable purposes. It is to be hoped there will be a large representation from the various denominations present, and that the offering will far exceed that of former years.

THE Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, now numbering in all 11,013, has in nine years attained the marvellous growth in membership of 689,000, about 9,000 of whom are members of the 250 societies in Ontario. A provincial union was formed at a convention held last year in Toronto, and last week the Union held its second annual convention in the Central Presbyterian church, Hamilton.

We are pleased to learn that Miss Ida McBain, of this village, has been engaged as teacher of the Elma and Wallace boundary school for 1891. Considering the large number of applicants for the position she was indeed fortunate. Although this will be Miss McBain's first experience in the profession we do not entertain any doubts respecting her success, especially if she possesses the pluck and push of her big brother, Harry, now at Victoria University.

WIFE WANTED.—The following advertisement appeared in a recent issue of the Toronto Globe:

WANTED—WIFE AT ONCE—Farmer's daughter, between 25 and 30; for working man; good home ready; Protestant; photos exchanged; railway fare arranged for; only those meaning business please write; confidential. J. BELWER, Box 181, Calgary, N. W. T.

Queer world this. Lots of old bachelors and no old maids in the Northwest. This is not inserted, however, with the expectation that any of our lady readers will apply.

OUR PIONEER NUMBER.—THE BEE Pioneer Number will contain an exciting tale of pioneer life in Perth; Atwood, its past present and future; several capital essays on the heading of this paper; besides numerous other attractive features. Each copy will contain twelve pages of original and interesting matter, printed on fine calendared pink paper. We have been at great trouble and expense in getting out this superb edition and for that reason we are obliged to charge 10c. per copy, or 3 copies for 25c., 14 copies for \$1. As we are printing only a limited number those wishing extra copies to send to their friends at a distance should leave their orders early. Orders by mail will be promptly attended to.

The promiscuous kissing of a public Bible is as contrary to the laws of hygiene as it is to those of decency. Doctors say that contagious diseases may be communicated in this way more readily than in almost any other. The mucous membrane which lines the lips is peculiarly sensitive to contagious influences, and will receive diseases that could not be communicated through the outer skin. For this reason the medical profession condemns the practice of kissing the Bible in taking an oath. The affiant never knows how many microbes of repulsive and deadly diseases are lurking there, and it is a matter of wonderment that boards of health, with their strict watch over everything detrimental to the safety of the public, have not before this time weighed against the dangerous custom.

### FALL weather.

ALL HALLOWE'EN will soon be here. Jos. WADE is again behind the counter in J. Irwin's store.

A FINE drove of lambs passed through town Tuesday afternoon.

OUR staff of correspondents have come to the front nobly this week.

ADVERTISE your stray animals in THE BEE. It will bring them every time.

GET a copy of the Pioneer Number of THE BEE to send to your friends. 10c. per copy.

J. IRWIN had an order for a suit this week from Sudbury, on the C. P. R. His customers for ordered clothing stay with him no matter where they move. A good article makes a name for itself.

REV. E. ST. YATES, the new incumbent of St. Alban's church, intends holding service on Wednesday evening of each week, at 7:30. The Sunday School, organized by Mr. Eccleston while here, is prospering, the average attendance being now about 35.

THE Scottish-Canadian is the name of a new weekly journal of Scottish news and literature adapted to Canada and Scotch-Canadian readers. The regular issue will begin early in November. \$1.50 per year. Imrie & Graham, Toronto, publishers and proprietors.

NEARLY 10,000,000 eggs were imported into the United States from Canada last year. Next year, therefore, Canada will have an enormous surplus of eggs. We speak of this in order that thoughtful actors may not wander into that country unwarned.—Chicago Tribune.

SATURDAY was the busiest day in our village for some time. Notwithstanding the bad roads, the fine day brought people to the village from all sides. One of our merchants sold over a hundred dollars worth of goods, which ought to be a fair business for what is called dull times.

"INDIAN SUMMER." How welcome it is when it comes after a few cold raw days in September. We hope that it may last at least a little while, to shorten somewhat the gloom of winter, and enable us to enter on the coldest season inspired by genial memories. We cannot expect many such days as this in October.

FULL lines in fall and winter goods at J. S. Gee's, Newry. By glancing over his attractive advt. you will find just what you need in all wool cashmeres, underclothing, stylish beaver and Persian lamb caps, etc. It will be well worth your time walking down to-day (Friday) or to-morrow afternoon and inspect his choice stock.

WE understand the Postoffice Department have accepted the tender of a Logan township party to carry the Mitchell stage route mail for 1891. This change will be generally regretted here as Joe's obliging manner at all times and under all circumstances endeared him to all. Mr. McKay has given every satisfaction during the years he ran over the route. Since the above was in print Mr. McKay informs us that the tenders will not be opened until next week so that nothing definite is known yet.

As a result of the publication by the Globe of the alleged confession by Birchall, suit has been commenced by G. H. Graeme, whose name was mentioned in connection with the Benwell murder, against that paper for \$50,000 damages for libel. Graeme, who is now employed as a driver by a Queen street west tradesman in Toronto, is a son of the late Sir Hammond Graeme, of the Isle of Wight, and a brother of the present Sir Hammond Graeme, of Buckland, East Coves, Isle of Wight. His mother is Lady Dowager Graeme, of Norland, Freshwater, Isle of Wight.

BEST OFFER YET.—THE BEE will be given to new subscribers from now to the 1st of January, 1892, for the price of one year's subscription, viz., \$1. We would like to add about five hundred new subscribers to our list before the 1st of January. Will each subscriber please speak a good word for it and use their influence with their neighbors and friends who do not now take it to get them to subscribe. They would thus do us a great favor and their neighbors or friends a service by securing for them a good paper from which they could get amusement and instruction during the long winter evenings. By subscribing now you will get a copy of our beautiful Pioneer Number.

THE COUNTY JAIL.—The statistics of the Perth county jail at Stratford for the year ending Sept. 30th last, show that 112 males and 10 females were committed during the year. The greatest number confined at one time was 17 males and 3 females, and the least number 8 males and 1 female. The places to which prisoners were sentenced were: Central prison 3, Kingston penitentiary 5, Industrial school 1, Stratford jail, 74. One died while undergoing sentence. Sixteen were sentenced for periods under 30 days, 20 between 30 and 60 days, 15 for 60 days or two months, 18 between two and three months, 4 between 3 and 4 months, 5 between 5 and 6 months, 2 for 2 to 3 years at penitentiary, 3 for 3 years or upwards. The county defrayed the keep of 102 prisoners and the provincial government of 20. Twenty-five were reported illiterate, being unable to either read or write, 64 were temperate and fifty-eight were intemperate. The offences for which prisoners were committed were: Assault 4, burglary 1, contempt of court 2, debtor 2, drunk and disorderly 14, fraud 2, larceny 23, lunatics 6, selling liquor illegally 1, horse, cattle and sheep stealing 1, rape 1, fire, quenching house of ill fame 1, murder 1, perjury 1, trespass 3, vagrancy 55, other offences 5. The jail expenditure for the year was \$1,052.28; officers salaries, \$1,423.50. The cost of daily rations per head was 6½ cents. During 1889 there were 145 males and five females committed.

AUCTION sale bills printed on shortest notice at this office.

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SOME talk of the young people of the Methodist church organizing an Epworth League.

We regret that Mrs. J. W. McBain is somewhat indisposed this week with what appears to be la grippe.

THE annual school concert given by the Atwood school will be held on Friday evening, Dec. 5th, next, in the Agricultural Hall.

WE notice in the Stratford Herald Geo. Skalitzy's name appears among other members of the 28th Batt. Band. George is an old Atwood boy.

REV. MR. HENDERSON is in Brantford this week attending the Provincial Sabbath School Convention. Mr. Henderson was the only delegate sent from Atwood.

MRS. HENRY WILSON and family, of Glenallen, left on Tuesday for Hamilton, Dakota. She has gone to her husband who has been residing in that country for the past seven years. May they have a safe and pleasant journey is the wish of their many Atwood friends.

THE first snow fell last Monday. As much as we love the "beautiful" we must confess that the thought of winter creep down our back. The first snow of last fall fell on the night of Oct. 8th, in sufficient quantity to cover the ground.

ABOUT twenty-five of our citizens attended the Monkton tea-meeting last Monday evening. As usual the tea was excellent, and all were delighted with the evening's entertainment. The Monkton people have won for themselves an enviable reputation for good tea-meetings.

LAST Monday evening Rev. Mr. Nugent delivered a very interesting lecture on the proceedings of the recent General Conference held in Montreal, in the Methodist church. Unfortunately on the same evening, which prevented many from hearing the able divine. Those who were present were highly pleased with his instructive address.

JUDGE LIZARS having resigned the office of Local Master in Chancery at Stratford, the Ontario Government has conferred it upon J. E. Harding, Q. C. of Stratford. Mr. Harding, it is understood, will enter upon his duties the 1st of November, when Judge Lizars' resignation takes effect. The revenue of the office varies according to the amount of business, having been worth about \$500 last year and \$800 the year before.

"WHAT IS FAITH," was the subject of Rev. E. St. Yates' discourse last Sabbath evening in St. Alban's church. The rev. gentleman has a rich, full voice, an excellent register, and a deep, logical reasoner. His discourse Sunday evening gave abundant evidence of his having made a careful and thoughtful study of that fundamental doctrine of our Christian religion—Faith. He presents the grand old Bible truths in such an interesting and fascinating way as cannot fail to hold the wrapt attention of his hearers.

BAPTIST MISSIONS.—At the convention at Woodstock the other day the foreign missionary report of the Baptist church was read. The contributions amounted to \$20,042; the expenditure, \$19,907.86; the balance (added to that of last year), \$1,648.28. The statistical report showed a staff of nine male missionaries, eight wives of the same, three evangelists, seven Bible women and thirty-four teachers. These have travelled 350 days, visited 300 towns and villages and baptized 395 converts. They have also the oversight of eighteen churches, with 2,393 members, and a seminary with eighty-five students. An appeal was made for more laborers, who are equally if not more necessary than money, and the hope was expressed that the Baptist body should take steps to celebrate in a worthy manner the approaching centennial of foreign missions. Rev. D. G. McDonald, of Stratford, was chosen secretary of the Midland Counties Missionary Association.

Y. P. C. A.—A meeting of the Young People's Christian Association of the Presbyterian church was held in the basement on Friday evening, Oct. 17th, at 7:30, for the purpose of organizing for the year, when the following officers were elected:—President, Rev. A. Henderson, M. A.; 1st Vice-President, T. M. Wilson; 2nd Vice-President, Miss Maggie Pelton; Secretary, C. J. Wynn; Assistant Secretary, Miss Maggie Graham; Treasurer, Miss Aggie G. Hamilton; Look-out Committee, Misses Bella Priest, Jennie Harvey, Aggie Hamilton, Maggie Graham and C. J. Wynn; Prayer Meeting Committee, Rev. Mr. Henderson, T. M. Wilson, Misses Ella Graham and Alice Dunn; Social and Literary Committee, Misses Annie Priest, Maggie Pelton, Jennie Harvey, Aggie Hamilton, Alice Dunn, and Messrs. John Rogers, Jas. Wilson, W. R. Erskine and Harry Hall; Missionary Committee, Rev. Mr. Henderson, Phineas Priest, T. M. Wilson and Miss Ella Graham; Musical Committee, Misses Maggie Pelton, Maggie Graham, Aggie Hamilton, Jennie Harvey and Alice Dunn. The first regular prayer meeting was held on Friday evening, 24th inst., the subject for discussion being: "How can young people be useful in church work." Mr. Henderson addressed the meeting at some length on this important subject, basing his remarks on Jer. 17. After the prayer meeting a business meeting was held, when it was decided on motion of T. M. Wilson, seconded by Miss Aggie Hamilton, that the money in the treasury be utilized in building a sidewalk from the gate to the basement door and also erecting a lamp post between the same points. A very interesting program is being prepared for the literary meeting this (Friday) evening. All are welcome.

A NUMBER of our residents distinguished (?) themselves at the Division Court, held in Listowel last week. The Standard suggests that the Court sittings be held in Atwood in the future.

A FOOT-BALL match will be played between Mitchell and Listowel next Thursday, Nov. 6th, in Listowel. No doubt the game will be watched with considerable interest by many from here and elsewhere.

C. H. MERRYFIELD is booming the auction sale business these days. His Mitchell rival is slowly but surely losing his grip in Logan and southern Elma. Charlie has a big sale of stock and implements in Monkton, on Nov. 5th.

DEER SHOT.—A number of our local sports went down to the swamp on the 14th con. Elma, better known as the Elma Opening, last Wednesday afternoon. They had not been in the bush very long, however, before the dogs tracked a deer, and inside of fifteen minutes from the time the animal was scented it was seen a few yards in front of the nimrods. In its endeavor to cross the creek which runs through the bush James Hanna intercepted it by putting a ball into its left shoulder, passing through the heart and lodging in the right side. The deer proved to be a big buck, weighing 260 pounds. It was brought to Atwood and nicely dressed in Brooks' hardware. It is as fat as a porker, and no doubt our citizens, including THE BEE, will have a rare opportunity of tasting a piece of venison this week. There is nothing small about Jim.

HANDSOME RESIDENCE.—While on our usual rounds in quest of local items last Wednesday afternoon we dropped into Henry Hoar's new brick residence on north Main street. The building is two storeys high, of English gothic architecture, built of solid white brick, and nicely situated. The residence cost upwards of \$1,200. The cornices are of American design, and painted chocolate brown with light terra cotta trimmings, while the window frames are also painted chocolate brown and the sash English vermilion. We were somewhat struck with the unusually brilliant color of the sash and asked the painter, Mr. Roddick, if they were not very "loud" in color, but he assured us that it was the most fashionable color of the day, and American in style. We looked bewilderingly again at the red windows, and with a long, deep sigh submitted once more to the goddess of fashion. The interior of the house is even more pleasing to the eye than the exterior. Mr. Roddick took us through each room and showed us some of his handiwork on plaster and wood, which we frankly admitted was the finest piece of artistic work we had seen for a long time, and decidedly the handsomest finished house in the village. We first visited the kitchen, but to us it looked like a drawing room. The ceiling was grained ash; walls, pea green, with exquisite hand-painted border. The contrast was simply beautiful. Mr. Roddick next beckoned us into the dining room. Here the artist displays his ability to his advantage. The commodious room is finished in mahogany with French barrel panels, which gives it a magnificently furnished appearance. We followed our guide into the parlor, but not until we had first carefully surveyed our plantations as we did not wish to bring in the street with us. By this time the smiling countenance of Henry Hoar beamed upon us and we felt that we were welcome to go in every room, mud and all. Here the painter's skill has evidently reached its climax. The wood-work of this room is exquisitely finished in bird's eye maple; so closely does it counterfeit the rare and beautiful wood that one can scarcely detect the difference. We were enraptured with the room, and we could tell by the broad grin of mingled pride and satisfaction on Mr. Hoar's face that he was pleased beyond measure with Mr. Roddick's efforts. The hall is finished in antique with walnut panels, while the stairway is painted to resemble Virginia marble, viz., a very dark mottled green. The spare bedroom is finished in bird's eye maple; one bedroom downstairs, light oak, and three bedrooms upstairs a light drab. All the rooms present to the visitor's eye a study in art. The proprietor will almost forget the long years of hardship and toil at the anvil and forge in the splendor and comforts of his new home.

Mrs. ROBT. CURRIE, of Walkerton, is visiting her son, Geo. Currie, this week. Little Willie Currie accompanied his mother.

### TOMB.

SMALE.—In Brussels, on the 28th inst., Charles Dickson, son of Mr. D. A. Smale, aged 19 months and 3 weeks.

### Auction Sales.

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 5th.—Farm stock and implements, at Higgins' hotel, Monkton, at 1 p.m., sharp. C. H. Merryfield, auctioneer.

FRIDAY, Nov. 7.—Farm stock and implements, on lot 23, con. 9, Elma, at 1 o'clock p.m. Alex. Morrison, auctioneer; Wm. Danbrook, proprietor.

Atwood Market.	
Fall Wheat.....	80 88
Spring Wheat.....	82 85
Barley.....	30 38
Oats.....	32 34
Peas.....	55 56
Pork.....	5 00 5 20
Hides per lb.....	5 5½
Sheep skins, each.....	50 1 00
Wood, 2 ft.....	1 15 1 50
Potatoes per bag.....	40 45
Butter per lb.....	15
Eggs per doz.....	15

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