

CHURCHES.

EVANGELICAL.—Services 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sabbath School at 2 p.m. W.H. Holtzman Superintendent. Cottage prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. Young People's meeting Tuesday evening at 7:30. Choir practice Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Finkbeiner, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN.—Services 10:30 a.m. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m. J. H. Moore, Superintendent. Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Davidson, Pastor.

R. C. CHURCH. Sacred Heart of Jesus.—Rev. Father Halm. Services every Sunday, alternatively at 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Vespers every other Sunday at 3 p.m. Sunday School at 2:30 p.m. every other Sunday.

GERMAN LUTHERAN.—Pastor, P. Mueller, Ph. D. Services: every 2nd, 4th and 5th Sunday of each month 2:30 p.m. Every 3rd Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Sunday School at 1:30 p.m. Every 3rd Sunday at 9:30 p.m.

METHODIST.—Services 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sabbath School 2:30 p.m. G. Curle, Superintendent. Prayer meeting, Thursday 8 p.m. Rev. J. H. McFadyen, D. A., Pastor.

SOCIETIES.

C. M. H. A., No. 70.—meets in their hall on the evening of the second and fourth Thursday in each month. H. KEELAN, Pres. A. GISSLER, Sec.

C. O. F.—Court Mildmay, No. 186, meets in their hall the second and last Thursdays in each month. Visitors always welcome. John McGinn C. R. M. Pillsinger, Secy.

C. O. C. F. No. 166.—meets in the Forester's Hall the second and fourth Mondays in each month, at 8 p.m. J. D. MILLER, Coun. F. C. JASPER, Rec.

A. O. U. W. 416. meets in the Forrester's Hall, the 1st and 3rd Wednesday in each month. L. SCHULMAN, M. W. M. JASPER, Rec.

P. O. F.—Meets on the last Wednesday of each month. J. W. WARD, C. R. W. M. JOHNSTON, Rec. Sec.

K. O. T. M. Unity Tent No. 101, meets in Forester's Hall, on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. W. McCULLOCH, Coun. M. JASPER, R. K.

Grand Trunk Time Table.

Trains leave Mildmay station as follows:

GOING SOUTH	GOING NORTH
Mail..... 7:33	Mixed..... 7:55 p.m.
Mixed..... 10 a.m.	Express..... 10:15 p.m.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

—Imperial penny postage goes into effect on Nov. 9th.

—John Weigand of Berlin is spending a week with friends and relatives here.

—Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Boehmer of Chesley spent Sunday with his parents here.

—We are pleased to be able to state that Mrs. Geo. Curle is able to go about again.

—Several members of the Mildmay W. C. T. U. are in attendance at their County Convention held at Walkerton this week.

—The Mildmay juniors intend going to Wingham on Friday to play the return match with the Prairie Nine of that town.

—N. Schwalm is erecting an extension to his furniture warehouse on Absalom St. When completed it will be used as a residence.

—The farmers around here are almost through harvesting. A great many have finished and have threshed the whole season's harvest.

—The bills for the Labor Day celebration, have been issued and posted up, and the ground committee are busy preparing the field. An immense crowd is expected.

—Messrs. Osterhant and Kruger, orators for the Methodist Forward Movement Missions, addressed a well attended meeting in the Methodist Church on Monday evening.

—Quite a number of the harvest excursionists to the west have been stopped on the border on the plea that they have contracted to work in Dakota. We have not heard whether any of the Mildmay contingents are among the number thus detained.

—Everything looks promising for the Fall Show. The exhibits of stock is expected to be especially large this year, as already a great number have signified their intentions of exhibiting stock here. Bills will be out shortly. Remember the date, Tuesday, Sept. 27.

—Rev. and Mrs. R. Keefer left on Monday for their vacation, which they will spend in Flesherton, where they will visit the former's parents, Toronto where they will attend some of the sessions of the General Conference, thence to Grimsby Park, Niagara Falls, and La Salle, N. Y., returning about the 9th of Sept. In Mr. Keefer's absence, his pulpit will be well supplied.

—Weadell Beitz, our genial hotel-keeper, took a trip out into the country the other day, and visited at the farm of Mr. Wm. Dickison on the 12th. Mr. Dickison is one of the best stock raisers in the township and his cattle especially are hard to beat anywhere. The apple crop is immense and the quality is good. Mr. Beitz says Mr. Dickison's farm is the best equipped in the township, and the visit to it gave him great pleasure.

Don't forget Labor Day.

—Miss Chapman of Teeswater spent Sunday at the residence of Mr. I. Ritchie.

—Mr. Hector Cameron of Woodstock, is spending a few days with friends here.

—Mr. Fred Macklin of Stratford, is visiting with his brother here at present.

—Be sure and attend Labor Day celebration at Mildmay, on Sept. 5. Excellent program.

—The crops turn out well with the exception of peas, which seems to be blighted in most sections.

—Jos. Schmett is preparing for the erection of a building on the corner. Mildmay main street is improving.

—The circus at Walkerton last Thursday was well attended. The show was about as good as any yet seen at Walkerton.

—Mr. and Mrs. Bauer of Hamilton who have been visiting at the residence of Mr. A. Brohman for the past week left on Monday morning.

—Mrs. H. Cuele spent part of last week with relatives in Drayton. His aunt, Mrs. E. Stern, who has been visiting here, accompanied him.

—A Dantzig paper publishes an outline of Prince Bismarck's will. The paper asserts that the estate amounts to 20,000,000 marks, although it was sworn at 3,000,000.

—Jos. Kaster offers for sale, part lot 20, con. 8, containing 42 acres, of which 25 acres are cleared. Good buildings and well watered, convenient to church and school at Decemerton.

—The tank on Absalom street was filled last night, taking just three hours to finish the job. The citizens on Main street may now be sure of enough water in case of fire. It almost emptied the dam at the woolen mill.

—The tank on Absalom St. has been completed and is now in shape for holding water. Messrs. Schmitt and Miller have been greatly assisted by valuable advice given by passers-by, and a couple of times a row was the outcome.

—The Mildmay Athletic Association have purchased the grounds on Absalom St. from Messrs. Rosenow and Voigt, and the celebration will be held on the new grounds on Labor Day. The lot contains almost four acres, and in a year Mildmay will have the finest park around.

—The Cloverleaves expect to play the Clifford team on Saturday on their field on the 8th. The team has been changed about considerably, Art. Lewis and W. Harron being the new battery. W. Vollick, the old pitcher, will keep his eye on the fly in the field in future.

—On Tuesday night a bright light was seen in a south westerly direction which proved to be Mr. Richard Anderson's barn, about a mile south of Belmore. The barn was struck by lightning and the contents were destroyed by fire. It was insured for about \$1,200. Mr. Anderson is a brother-in-law of Robt. Edmunson of this town.

—The M. A. A. held a review of the park on Tuesday evening. They were armed with long handled shovels, rakes and hoes, and a mowing machine, and succeeded in mowing the park grass in the flat, and in stirring up a few wasp's nests. It was agreed that the tools on hand were insufficient to put the ground in order, and that work must be begun at once with teams, waggons, and scrapers to level the park. When finished the grounds will be a great convenience to the village and make a splendid play ground for the school boys as well as for all kinds of athletic sports.

—A very happy event took place in the R. C. Church here on Tuesday morning, when Miss Kate Schmidt, daughter of Mrs. Jos. Schmidt, north of Mildmay, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Mr. Jos. Knoll, barber of Toronto. The handsome bride, beautifully attired, was assisted by Misses Knoll and Schmidt, and Messrs. Jacob Knoll and Michel Schmidt supported the groom. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Eleio. The happy couple then repaired to the residence of Mrs. Jos. Schmidt, where a most enjoyable time was spent. Mr. Knoll was formerly of Chepstow, and is well and favorably known here, while the bride is highly respected by a wide circle of friends. The happy couple left this morning for Toronto, where they will in future reside, followed by the best wishes of their many friends here.

General Items.

Claus, the Stikoon murderer, convicted of having killed two partners on the upper Yukon, received notice on Friday night in the Nanaimo prison that no commutation of the sentence of death could be obtained for him. He was visited by his wife. She prepared his supper for him at his request, and a meat pie was the main dish of the meal. After partaking of the food, Claus went to bed, became violently ill, and by 10:30 Saturday morning, was dead. The wife has disappeared. The doctors announce that Claus was poisoned with strychnine.

The Official Programme issued by the Western Fair Association this year, is the best yet published. The work comprises 52 pages, with chromo cover, and is printed on fine book paper. It contains useful information for visitors and a number of illustrations showing the principal attractions, also advertisements of some of the leading business houses appear in its pages. An excellent map of Western Ontario, in color, is also given. The book is in keeping with this old and reliable up-to-date Fair. In the number and quality of the exhibits and the attractions to be presented, the Silver Jubilee Exhibition will far exceed the excellent exhibits of former years.

WINTER WHEAT.

Leading Varieties Successfully tested in 1898 on 191 Ontario Farms

One million acres of winter wheat will likely be sown in Ontario within the next three weeks. As the variety sown has a marked influence upon both the quality and the quantity of the crop produced, it is very important that the very best kinds be used. An increase in yield of one bushel of winter wheat per acre means a total increase of one million bushels for the province. The average annual yield of winter wheat per acre in Ontario for the past fifteen years is about twenty-seven per cent lower than that of Great Britain and Ireland and about thirty-one per cent higher than that of any of the winter wheat growing States of the American Union. The aim of Ontario should be to approach the record of the former rather than that of the latter. The average yield of winter wheat in Ontario for the eight years ending with 1898 is 21.6 bushels per acre, and that for the eight years ending with 1890 was 18.5 bushels per acre. Hence the change in average yield of winter wheat per acre in Ontario is moving in the right direction.

The growing of this important crop has received a good deal of attention in the Experimental Department of the Ontario Agricultural College within the past ten years. Varieties obtained from the United States, England, Germany, France, and Russia are being carefully tested along with those secured from the wheat growing sections of Canada. After the varieties have been carefully tested in the experimental plots at the College in each of five years, the leading kinds are selected for co-operative experiments throughout Ontario. It has been found that the varieties which have given the best average results in the experiments conducted at the College for a few years in succession have nearly always given good satisfaction on the farms of the province.

Seven varieties of winter wheat were sent out for co-operative experiments in the autumn of 1897. These were divided into three sets with three varieties in each set, the Dawson's Golden Chaff being used in all the sets as a basis by which the results of all the varieties could be compared with one another. We have received 191 full and satisfactory reports of carefully conducted winter wheat experiments for 1898.

The following table gives the comparative yield of straw and grain per acre of the varieties of winter wheat tested in 1898 on 191 farms.

VARIETIES	Tons.	
	Straw per acre	Grain per acre
1 Dawson's Golden Chaff	1.8	30.6
2 Imperial Amber	1.9	29.3
3 Early Genesee Giant	1.7	28.2
4 New Columbia	1.6	27.5
5 Early Red-Clawson	1.7	26.9
6 Pride of Genesee	1.5	25.5
7 Poole	1.5	24.6

This table should be of great value to the wheat growers of Ontario as none except the 191 good report are included in the summary. Much credit is due to the careful experimenters who sent us the reports of the tests made on their farms.

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