

Country Talk.

Donegal.
Quarterly Meeting, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Rogers, in the Methodist church next Sabbath at 10:30. No doubt there will be a good attendance.

Stratford.
The Dominion Government have appointed an inspector of gas and gas metres for this city, George Rennie, now in the Inland Revenue Dept here.

On Tuesday afternoon of last week the workmen at the derrick, having penetrated to a depth of over 500 feet, had suspended drilling operations in order to put down immense lengths of iron tubing at which work they were engaged when our informant left. No particulars can be given as yet as to the probabilities of the case. We shall be at our wit's end, however, before another moon shall have filled her more auspicious horns.

Principal Samuel Woods of the London Collegiate Institute, formerly assistant in the Stratford High School, and the board of trustees, are at daggers drawn. At a recent meeting of the trustees a request was presented to the Principal to resign, which he declined, and after some discussion a resolution was adopted asking the Education Department to investigate the matter, which we understand it has declined to do. Among the more vigorous of Mr. Wood's opponents were Messrs. E. H. Johnston and Jas. B. Cook, two of the Collegiate Institute trustees. As everyone knows, these trustees are appointed by the city council. So, as the Free Press explains, the thought occurred to certain members of the latter body that if Messrs. Johnston and Cook were given a little of their own medicine it might do them good. They are both young men, and it was argued that perhaps their early spring physic had been neglected. Accordingly, while the council was in session Monday night the "round robin" was brought into requisition and these gentlemen were asked to hand in their resignations as trustees.

Listowel.
Mrs. (Dr.) Dingman is visiting friends in Kingston this week.

Mr. Fraser, cadet of the Kingston military school, who has been visiting at Dr. Dinman's, left town last week for a sojourn in the neighborhood of the White Mountains.

Miss Carlotta Jane, daughter of H. Cargill, M. P., of Cargill, was married on Wednesday to W. F. Freeman, M.D., of Walkerton. The happy couple are spending their honeymoon in the Eastern States.

The steamship State of Nevada landed on Monday of last week. Among the passengers were: J. Fleming, Listowel; James Shearer sr., Elma; who visits his family in Scotland after an absence of almost a lifetime, and John Livingston sr., who will spend most of the summer in Glasgow, Hamilton and Edinburgh, and will pay a visit to Stanley in London before returning.

Postmaster Hacking has received a letter from his son William, who has been farming in Dakota for some years which corroborates the worst reports, which have come from that State concerning the failure of the crops and the destitution which prevails there. Like many other settlers, Mr. Hacking intends leaving his Dakota farm and removing to Manitoba or the Canadian Northwest. He has had enough of poverty-stricken Dakota.

SAD BURNING FATALITY.—On Saturday afternoon of last week a stable on Jas. Beaton's property about a mile east of the corporation, caught fire in some unaccountable way and was burned to the ground. Wm. Shewan and his wife an old couple of nearly four score years, occupied the place and had their cow in the stable at the time. Upon discovering the fire, the old man tried to rescue the cow, but not being able to loosen her, he returned to the house for a knife to cut the rope with which she was tied. While he was away the old lady entered the stable, over which the fire was spreading rapidly, and which caught to her clothing, burning her terribly before she could be rescued. Her clothing was completely burned off her, and her face, head, and in fact nearly all parts of her body and limbs were fearfully burned. As soon as possible medical aid was secured but nothing could be done to save her life, and the poor victim died on the following day. The deceased was a sister of Mr. Beaton's. The stable, which was a small one, and contents were a complete loss.

The sequel to the Hess-Berdux affair noted recently was enacted on Friday at noon of last week, when Berdix on his way home was accosted by Adam Hess at the latter's gate, where he was apparently waiting for him. Upon Berdix saying that he wished to have nothing more to do with him Hess knocked him down by a blow in the face and according to the story told by Mr. Boomer, J. P., of Linwood, who was in a carriage on the road, Mr. Hess placed his knee on the old man's body, who having but one leg could not rise, and gave him an unmerciful beating, certainly leaving the old man's face badly cut and bruised. His passion was not satisfied with this for he seized Berdix' stick and struck him over the body with it. Information for assault was at once laid against Mr. Hess, but at the trial in the afternoon the plaintiff wished to amend the charge and the case was adjourned for that reason and to enable him to secure counsel. Mr. Hess was, however, anxious to settle the case out of court and it was finally agreed between them that Berdix receive \$10 damages and a bond for \$30 payable in event the plaintiff did not receive steady work at the factory for a year. Without entering into the merits of the dispute it is certain that no circumstance can excuse this brutal and unprovoked attack upon an aged cripple.

Newry.
R. Morrison and Wm. Sweeton delivered to Bawtinhammer and Hefferman Tuesday morning, 9 head of two-year old steers and heifers, averaging the round sum of \$30 per head. It pays to raise good stock.

Elma.
The crops throughout this township are excellent and we anticipate good times this fall as a general result. On Friday morning last, at 3 a. m., a flash of lightning struck Mr. Buechler's barn, con. 15, and in a short time the building was in ashes. The barn contained 20 tons of hay, no grain, and was partially insured we understand.

Grey.
Some time ago Thos. Taylor, 7th con. Grey, purchased lightning rods from an agent named Reeve, as his neighbor's barn had been destroyed by lightning. The rods were put in place and Mr. Taylor's note given to balance the \$50 expense. Mr. Taylor was deprived of the advantages of education in his youth and was consequently unable to write his name but made his mark. J. C. Tuck, of Cranbrook, purchased the note and in due time the amount was paid by Mr. Taylor. So far everything was straight and business like, but to the surprise of Mr. Taylor he received notification from the Bank at Seaford that a note of his for \$50 would be due on a certain date and asking him to provide for the payment of the same. This he refused to do and was threatened with legal proceedings, which he prepared to fight. The holders of the note backed down, however, and withdrew their claim. It is supposed that the note was a forgery, made so quiet easily owing to Mr. Taylor's inability to sign his name. The fact of Mr. Tuck holding the original note rather balked the job and no doubt let Mr. Taylor out. People should be very guarded as to what papers they affix their name to, as the sharks and swindlers are not all dead yet.

Perth County Notes.
The Stratford cricketers visited St. Mary's last Tuesday and defeated the club of that town by 106 runs.

A little five year old son of Henry Ahrens, Logan, had the thumb on the left hand, at the first joint, taken off by a hay pulley the other day. Dr. Smith attended to the injured lad.

Postmaster Bro. W. White, of Tudor Lodge, Mitchell, was elected deputy grand master for South Huron district, at the grand Lodge of Free Masons, which was in session in Kingston recently. This is a distinguished honor and we congratulate our young friend on being made the choice over so many others to fill such an important position. He is well posted in the hidden mysteries of the order, and is well qualified to discharge the duties appertaining to the office. Among masons the position is considered more important than that of member of parliament.

James Burke, Britton's popular school teacher, who is leaving, was presented by his pupils with a gold-headed cane and an address.

W. E. Binning, of Listowel, has got out plans for a new \$3,000 Methodist church at Bluevale, where Rev. I. B. Walwin is pastor.

A lacrosse match will be played in New Hamburg on Aug 6th, between the "Kents" of Blenheim and the "Stars" of Bright, for a silver cup, value \$35.

A woman there was who threw herself at a certain man's head both early and late. Of course she missed him, but that's not odd. Few women can throw straight.

The first lot of new wheat was delivered at the Mitchell roller mills on July 24th—the first new wheat of the season; variety, "Reliable," sample very good and new. Test 62 lbs per bush. It was grown on the farm of Robert Jackson, Fullarton.

At a well attended meeting held in the council chamber on Friday night of last week, a sporting club, with a capital of \$300, was organized. Shares were placed at \$5 each, and the number of members limited to sixty. A big day's sports are to be provided for in the fall, when horse racing and athletic games will form part of the program.—Mitchell Advocate.

Some funny fellows at Listowel dragged James Davidson before the nozzle of the fire hose. The branch was not easily controllable and Davidson got the full force of over 140 pounds to the square inch at a distance of about a yard from the nozzle, square on the face. It knocked him flat, and almost senseless, and has given him a black and badly swollen eye. It will be good fortune for him if his eye is not permanently injured.

Buffalo claims a population of 254,000.

Harvesting has commenced in Manitoba. A revolution has broken out in Buenos Ayres.

The gold exports from New York last week amounted to \$1,225,000.

The Earl of Jersey has been appointed Governor of New South Wales.

Fifteen hundred journeymen bakers of Chicago struck on Saturday for two hours less work on Saturdays.

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Francis Colenan	"	Mary Allingham	"
Annie Knechtel	"	Thos. Connolly	"
B. McQuay	"	Joseph Adam	"
H. H. Akroy	"	Wm. Ogram	"
Jos. B. Barry	"	L. B. Dupel	"
Mary Martin	"	Annie Huebschwerlen	Mildmay
John Holmes	"	Emma Parselle	"
Joseph Ainslie	"	Joseph Girodat	"
Rev. C. G. Franklin	"	R. Harding	"
W. C. Kidd	"	Edward McDonagh	Mount Forest
John J. Stewart	"	R. C. Morrison	"
Mrs. James Coghill	"	John Allen	"
Matthew Danson	"	C. Callaway	"
John W. Watson	"	C. Cook	Wagram
Mary Gibson	"	Ed. Callaway	"
Henry Linderschmidt	"	J. McLean	"
W. F. McCloy	"	John Ferguson	Farwell
Emma Ross	"	John A. Morrison	"
John Elliott	"	David Starks	"
J. P. Welksford	"	M. Potter	"
Mary Peffer	"	H. Murray	"
Singleton Wilson	"	N. Cowling	Hollin
John Hamme	"	Janet Leggett	Orchardville
John Welsh	"	James Hoy	"
John Davidson	"	Wm. Gordon	"
Lewis Smith	"	R. J. Henderson	Palmerston
Andrew Donaldson	"	James Corvan	"
Wm. Dunn	"	C. Robertson	"
E. Johnson	"	John Bedford	"
Wm. Dickson	"	Thos. Duff	"
Thomas Dickson	"	P. E. Rittler	"
Jacob Klump	"	Jas. Balfour	"
Presbyterian church	"	Robt. Cross	"
Thomas Ballantyne	"	Isaac Robb	"
S. Shannon	"	Robt. Beamish	"
James Menzies	"	James Chevillie	"
Thomas B. Miller	"	Richard Lobb	"
Miss Wickham	"	Walter Hayes	"
Robert Strachan	"	Wm. Brown	"
Dr. Rutherford	"	Peter McGrath	"
Matthew Hunter	"	W. T. Mitchell	"
Nellie Dewar	"	James Coutts	"
Peter Helm	"	Joseph Schulthus	"
Philip Helm	"	Thomas Williams	"
Wm. Kerr	"	David Humphries	"
Mr. Sargesson	"	Jacob Corbett	"
Alex. Bruce	"	Thomas Mitchell	Rothsay
Wm. Priest	"	Maggie McKay	"
F. W. Sturgeon	"	Nellie McKay	"
A. Hughes	"	H. Heselton	"
R. C. Stewart	"	James Giles	"
David Campbell	"	Jos. Gregory	"
Wm. Ausman	"	Chas. Krousic	New Hamburg
T. and J. Gibson	"	John Hanstock	"
John Fox	"	Duncan Caldwell	Newbridge
David Campbell	"	Wm. Barber	"
Mr. McCombs	"	R. J. Henderson	"
Geo. Gregg	"	P. J. Peters	Brunner
H. H. Halladay	"	Francis Arkens	Toppin
J. C. Jaques	"	Geo. Hiles	Newry
Richard Twainley	"	Joseph Kresner	Wallenstein
John Scott	"	Duncan Anderson	"
Alex. Cromwell	"	John Mewhiney	Burns
Jos. E. Coombs	"	John Holmes	Trowbridge
Robt. Crittenden	"	Alex. McEachem	Cotswold
Wm. Hoeg	"	Wm. Ross	"
E. J. Edgar	"	David McKay	"
Wm. Evans	"	Barney Doneghan	Carthage
James Armstrong	"	Geo. Stickney	Teviotdale
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