

**G**ENUINE Holiday Clearing  
 Out Sale from Now till  
 Jan. 1, 1892, at Year Own  
 Prices. Everything must go. My  
 stock is very complete and sure to  
 please you. Come Early and get  
 your choice of a big stock.  
 J. H. GUNTHER, Listowel.

# The Bee.

**D**ON'T delay in waiting to  
 buy, I have a grand line  
 of Plush Goods just in  
 from Germany, Albums, Fancy  
 Mirrors, Work-boxes, Glove boxes,  
 grand line of Watches, Clocks and  
 Jewelry, and Silverware CHEAP.  
 J. H. GUNTHER, Listowel.

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**COMMUNICATIONS.**

**Reply to Mr. Ballantyne.**

To the Editor of THE BEE.  
 DEAR SIR:—I thought of writing a  
 long letter, but having been advised not  
 to as his letter is full of lies, I make  
 a short reply by saying that if Mr. Bal-  
 lantyne can prove what he states in his  
 letter to be true I will give him twenty  
 dollars. He would have expressed a  
 truth had he said the suit he got first  
 prize for in 1890 was returned to his  
 shop and had to be taken to pieces and  
 refitted before it could be worn, and it  
 is yet a punishment to the man who  
 wears it. If this is the kind of "sweep-  
 stakes" Mr. Ballantyne publishes I  
 don't want to have any further argu-  
 ment with a rag who has the unadulter-  
 ated gall to publish such misleading  
 statements.

I remain, yours &c.,  
 GEORGE CURRIE.

**Perth County Notes.**

M. King, of Downie, has sold his farm  
 of 50 acres to William Gartrell for  
 \$8,500.  
 Wm. Elliott, of Wallace township,  
 lost a valuable brood mare from inflam-  
 mation.  
 A. J. Thompson has purchased Samuel  
 Coum's farm of fifty acres on the 7th  
 concession of Nissouri.  
 James Dow, Stratford, has been ap-  
 pointed a member of the Board of Di-  
 rectors of the Western Ontario Travel-  
 lers' Association.  
 P. J. Writt, of Stratford, formerly of  
 Logan, has fifteen men employed dig-  
 ging a ditch in Ellice. He expects to  
 finish in about a month.  
 Mr. Woolfe, of Stratford, has dispos-  
 ed of his restaurant to Stephen Agar,  
 of Toronto. Mr. Woolfe will leave for  
 England to look after his estate there.  
 Miss Mary Stewart has been re-en-  
 gaged to teach in No. 12, for 1892. Miss  
 Husband, formerly of Kintore has been  
 engaged to teach in S. S. No. 3, East Nis-  
 souri.  
 It is our sad duty to chronicle the  
 death of Mary, beloved wife of Samuel  
 Gunning, of Whalen, who departed this  
 life on the 16th ult., in the 42nd year of  
 her age.  
 Daniel Detwiler, of Wallace township,  
 has let the contract of building a large  
 bank barn to Mr. Warnicker, and Wm.  
 Wolfe has also given the contract of a  
 similar barn to Mr. McMillan.  
 Dr. W. B. Thistle, an old Downie boy,  
 was appointed at a recent meeting of  
 the trustees, to the medical staff of the  
 Toronto Victoria Hospital for sick child-  
 ren. Downie rejoices in the success of  
 her sons abroad.  
 Isaac Lemon, of Mitchell, was married  
 on Nov. 25th, to Miss Millie Simpson, of  
 Mitchell. Prior to her marriage Miss  
 Simpson was presented with a beauti-  
 ful lady's toilet set by the teachers of  
 Trinity church Sunday school.  
 Alexander Macdonald, formerly of  
 Hibbert, died recently in Dakota, of ty-  
 phoid fever. His mother and brother  
 accompanied the body home, where in  
 Cromarty cemetery it was laid beside  
 his father. Deceased owned a farm  
 near Chiselhurst.  
 A very happy time was spent at the  
 residence of Jas. Park, of Russeldale, on  
 Wednesday evening of last week, the  
 event being the marriage of Miss Mag-  
 gie Park to John Levy. The ceremon-  
 ies were performed by the Rev. P. Scott,  
 of Cromarty, in the presence of about  
 one hundred guests.  
 Daniel Whale, who is now serving his  
 life sentence in Kingston penitentiary  
 for the murder of his wife, is said to  
 have made a confession. He says his  
 wife twitted him about being thrown  
 out of the Royal Hotel, Mitchell, and he  
 struck her on the head with an ale bot-  
 tle. The bottle has been found where  
 Whale says he threw it.  
 Some three weeks ago our local con-  
 temporary made a personal attack up-  
 on the gentleman who entered the pro-  
 test against Mr. Trow's election, charg-  
 ing, among other things, that Trow  
 saved him from going to the peniten-  
 tiary. For this an action for slander  
 will be entered against Mr. Race, and he  
 has already received notice to this effect.  
 We understand the damages claimed  
 are \$2,000.—Advocate.

There resides in Anderson, in the  
 township of Blanshard, Mrs. Humphrey  
 White, aged 83 years, mother of John  
 White, publisher of the Exeter Times,  
 who claims 123 direct descendants, be-  
 sides 20 daughters and sons-in-law, and  
 grand-daughters, and sons-in-law, mak-  
 ing a total of 152 persons all living.  
 There are 8 sons and daughters, 69 grand-  
 children, 46 great grand-children, 9  
 daughters and sons-in-law, 20 grand-  
 daughters and sons-in-law, and they are  
 all living in Canada with the exception  
 of two.  
 The Royal Hotel, Mitchell, is again in  
 the Sheriff's hands. It has had a check-  
 ered career since the death of its owner,  
 having had no less than five tenants, be-  
 sides the Sheriff who is running it a sec-  
 ond time. Its last proprietor, John Sel-  
 don, disappeared from town the other  
 day. He robbed nearly every business  
 man in Mitchell, where he could get a  
 dollar's credit. Seldon proved himself a  
 most unprincipled scoundrel, and his  
 father-in-law, who is now spending a  
 life sentence in the Kingston peniten-  
 tiary, blames him for all.

**The Northwest Fruit Trade.**

A Winnipeg paper says that the  
 quantity of fruit imported this year  
 from Ontario and California is far in  
 excess of the quantity brought in last  
 year. The importation of apples  
 amounts to nearly 50,000 barrels, all of  
 which came from Ontario. The apples  
 this year are much better in size and  
 quality than for a few seasons past, and  
 owing to the abundant crop the price is  
 less, the retail quotations being from  
 \$3.25 to 3.50 per barrel. The Winnipeg  
 dealers state that the Ontario shippers  
 are improving their methods of packing,  
 but there is still room for improvement,  
 particularly with respect to small fruits.  
 The importation of small fruits from  
 the Niagara district are increasing  
 every year, and while there will always  
 be a certain demand for California  
 fruits early in the season, Ontario grow-  
 ers might drive a considerable portion  
 of the American stuff out of the mar-  
 ket by paying more attention to the  
 selection of fruit and the packing. In  
 the course of three or four years, when  
 the new orchards of British Columbia  
 begin to bear, the Pacific province will  
 doubtless head off California to a great  
 extent in the finer classes.

**Huron County Notes.**

Wm. Robb, 6th line, Morris, has about  
 4,000 bushels of turnips as the result of  
 4 acres of ground cropped.  
 The captain and crew of a wrecked  
 Port Huron schooner have arrived at  
 Bayfield after drifting in an open boat  
 for four days.  
 Morris township fathers have paid  
 the balance of W. G. & B. railway bonu-  
 s amounting to \$13,654. They still have  
 the London, Huron & Bruce debentures  
 to pay.  
 The new Gorrie paper will not, as  
 stated last week, be called the "Howick  
 Enterprise" owing to the Vidette hav-  
 ing realized an urgent necessity for ad-  
 ding that title to its former one.  
 J. H. Cornyn, of Wingham, a gradu-  
 ate of the Clinton Collegiate Institute,  
 has been called to a position on the  
 Stratford Collegiate Institute staff, made  
 vacant by the illness of Miss Platt.  
 Robert Wallace died at the residence  
 of his cousin, Mrs. C. Peters, in Seaford,  
 on Saturday, Nov. 21. He has been a  
 resident of Seaford for several years,  
 and won the respect of our citizens gen-  
 erally.  
 We regret to have to record the death  
 on Monday of the wife of Blyth's much  
 respected townsman, John Tamin. It  
 was somewhat unexpected as the de-  
 ceased had only been ill for a short  
 time.  
 The Algoma Advocate, published in  
 the village of Thessalon, makes the fol-  
 lowing reference to a former Tucker-  
 smith boy: "John Doig, Jr., late of Huron,  
 has purchased the farm of Mr. Lusier,  
 in Gladstone, for the sum of \$450  
 cash. It is a good farm."  
 A young lady of Clinton, whose iden-  
 tity we shall not reveal, is making pre-  
 parations for her approaching marriage.  
 The young man to whom she is en-  
 gaged made her a present of \$100 with  
 which to purchase a wedding outfit.  
 This was very generous to say the least.  
 The Clinton New Era and the  
 Wingham Times are the only papers in  
 Huron county that set up all the type  
 for their printing matter. All the other  
 papers either get part of their paper  
 printed away from home, or else use  
 what is known as "platematter."—New  
 Era. Wonderful wonderful!

The number of members on the roll  
 of the Wingham C. O. F., Oct. 31st, was  
 150; the amount received from all sources  
 during the past six months was over  
 \$1,200 about \$1,100 of which was paid  
 out during the same time, \$234 of which  
 was for sick benefits. The court has  
 on hand upwards of \$2,600, besides over  
 \$200 worth of property.

T. G. Allan, M. A., who has for the  
 past two years been Science Master in  
 the Seaford Collegiate Institute, has  
 resigned his position for the purpose of  
 resuming his medical course in Toronto  
 after the Christmas holidays. The trust-  
 ees of the Collegiate Institute have been  
 extremely fortunate in securing the ser-  
 vices of F. J. Pope, M. A., a gold medal-  
 ist of Queen's University, Kingston, in  
 Natural Science.

Tenders for the construction of the  
 Hay swamp drains were received by the  
 council of the municipality of Hay  
 at the town hall, Zurich, on Saturday,  
 Nov. 23th, which were as follows: P. J.  
 Writt, Stratford, \$16,250; Mr. Hicks,  
 Dunnville, \$13,445; Sam Rennie, Zurich,  
 \$18,548; David Meyer, Markham, \$27,  
 500; John McHugh, Chatham, \$17,500;  
 Owen Geiger, Zurich, \$17,503. The con-  
 tract was therefore let to Mr. Hicks,  
 his tender being the lowest.

The Clinton News Record of last week  
 says:—"At a meeting of the Guelph  
 Board of Trade last week the matter of  
 the extension of the Canadian Pacific  
 Railway to Lake Huron came up. It  
 was stated that Guelph had bonused the  
 building of the road to Campbellville  
 on the understanding that it would be  
 extended to Goderich. Mr. Van Horne  
 had promised as much. One member  
 said Van Horne's promise to extend  
 the road to Goderich was like the Irish-  
 man's promise to marry, he did not say  
 when. This discussion was kept up at  
 great length, when a resolution was car-  
 ried instructing the President of the  
 Board to write to Mr. Van Horne con-  
 cerning the extension of the road."

**Northwest Crops.**

THE LATEST BULLETIN A GRATIFYING  
 ONE—THIRTY MILLION BUSHELS  
 OF WHEAT ALONE.

**B**ULLETIN No. 31 on crops and  
 live stock in Manitoba dur-  
 ing the past season, issued by  
 the Manitoba Department of  
 Agriculture and Immigration,

Manitoba alone the estimated wheat  
 yield is over 23,000,000 bushels. Count-  
 ing in the Territories the aggregate will  
 not be much below 30,000,000 of wheat  
 for the Canadian Northwest. The es-  
 timated yield of wheat for Manitoba is  
 23,191,599 bushels against 14,965,769 last  
 year, and the estimated average per  
 acre is 25.3 bushels, as compared with  
 21.1 bushels last year. The bulletin says  
 the wheat crop has undoubtedly suffered  
 from the frost to a considerable extent,  
 but just how much it is impossible at  
 present to determine. Some correspon-  
 dents estimate the damage in their  
 localities as low as 2 per cent., but in  
 the aggregate there will be as near as  
 can be determined from reports, 40 per  
 cent., at least affected and this will  
 grade all the way from No. 1 regular to  
 chicken feed. The estimated product  
 of oats is 14,792,905 bushels against 9,  
 513,433 bushels last year, with an aver-  
 age yield of 48.3 bushels per acre  
 against 41.3 last year. The estimated  
 product of barley is 3,197,875 bushels  
 against 2,069,415 bushels last year, with  
 an average of 35.6 bushels per acre, an  
 increase of 3½ bushels acre over 1890.  
 The estimated product of potatoes is  
 2,191,982 bushels, slightly under last  
 year's yield. Regarding wheat, the bu-  
 lletin says there is every reason to be-  
 lieve that, contrary to the usual result,  
 the threshers' yield will be greatly in ex-  
 cess of the estimated yield by crop cor-  
 respondents. In view of this fact, it is  
 the intention of the department to is-  
 sue a supplementary bulletin later in the  
 season when those returns are in.  
 Absence of suitable help has been the  
 bane of the farmer this season, says the  
 bulletin. In almost every township  
 there has been a dearth of farm labor-  
 ers, and the inconvenience and loss aris-  
 ing from this source has been very  
 great. The large numbers brought in  
 to the Province on farm laborers' ex-  
 cursions seem to have been but a drop  
 in the bucket, and it is safe to assume  
 that twice as many could have found  
 employment for the three months or  
 more from the beginning of harvest.  
 The supply of twine has been adequate  
 in every township reported with one  
 exception at fifteen cents per pound,  
 which is probably the average price to  
 the farmer this season. This makes  
 \$569,278.95 paid out by the farmers of  
 the Province for twine for this season's  
 crop. The amount used varies from  
 2.5 to 4 lbs., being an average of 2.9 lbs.  
 per acre, or 0.6 more than last season.  
 While in some townships a fair amount  
 of fall plowing had been done there is  
 on the whole much less than at the  
 same time last year, for the same rea-  
 sons, that the grain is not threshed and  
 marketed, viz., the heavy crop to har-  
 vest with a scarcity of help. In almost  
 every township cattle are in a much  
 better condition than usual. Grass has  
 been abundant and water of compara-  
 tively easy access. The year has been  
 a very favorable one for dairying, and  
 very few complaints are made as to  
 prices secured. The last question in  
 the circular sent out for this report  
 was:—"Do you think the farmers of your  
 district are cultivating more land  
 than they can properly attend to?"  
 About one-third of the correspondents  
 answered "Yes." Many of them  
 answered "No," emphasizing it with "Cer-  
 tainly not." The general complaint of  
 insufficient help, late harvest, little  
 plowing done, etc., however, gives great  
 force to the minority report. On the  
 whole it must be admitted that the  
 spirit of the report is to the effect that  
 the farmers are undertaking to crop  
 more land than they can properly at-  
 tend to with the amount of farm labor  
 now on the market. The farm labor-  
 ers' excursions have been a boon to the  
 farmers of the Province, and advices  
 aside from the reports of correspond-  
 ents show that a considerable number  
 who came up on these excursions have  
 purchased land with the intention of  
 becoming residents of the Province.

**The Cheese Market in 1891.**

Now that the cheese trade, so far as  
 the producer is concerned, is over for  
 the season, it is interesting to look back  
 at the salient features of the year. It  
 has been a very successful one for the  
 dairymen. Prices have been good and  
 the output fair. Continued dry weath-  
 er in the early months made a very  
 heavy shortage, but the exceptionally  
 moist and fine summer and fall about  
 now are up for this. Prices opened un-  
 usually high, from 10 to 10½¢, and have  
 closed at about the same figures. The  
 lowest point touched was about 8½¢.  
 Speaking roughly cheese of fine quality  
 has brought 10c. for five months out of  
 eight during the season. Here are the  
 prices got for the make of the different  
 months by one of the best factories in  
 Oxford: April make, 10½¢; May, 9 1/16;  
 June, 8½¢; July, 9¢; August, September  
 and October, 10¢; November, 8½¢. This  
 makes an average, taking the months,  
 not the quality, of a little over 9½¢ per  
 pound. Some factories, with poor cheese,  
 got less for the early months and a little  
 more for the fall make; so that these

prices fairly represent those paid in  
 the Oxford district.

It is easy to learn lessons, after  
 the event. But there are one or two  
 obvious lessons that can be drawn from  
 the operations of the year—and which  
 have frequently dwelt upon in these  
 columns. The first is that spring and  
 summer cheese should be sold when it  
 is ready to ship at such prices as are be-  
 ing paid. All through the early part  
 of the season the buyers paid as much or  
 more than they could afford to. They  
 should be allowed to carry the cheese  
 into consumption at once. Competition  
 is so keen and the chances of combina-  
 tion so remote that the producer is cer-  
 tain to get all the consumers will enable  
 agents to give. There is always a dan-  
 ger of holding early cheese until they  
 are off flavor and later makes are in de-  
 mand. To keep them out of the market  
 when consumption is greatest in Eng-  
 land is surely folly. Most salesmen have  
 acted wisely in this respect; but some  
 held too long.

In the next place, we have always  
 advocated selling openly on the boards, in  
 preference to the secret system either at  
 the factories or at the boards. After  
 the recent big deal it will not be neces-  
 sary to enforce this lesson. We have  
 never known much advantage to be  
 gained—except by buyers—from private  
 sales. If 12 or 15 thousand boxes had  
 been offered here last week the market  
 would have been pushed higher. Some  
 buyers would not have seen that amount  
 of cheese sold at the even figure. Of  
 course all salesmen do the best they can,  
 and there are no brighter men at any  
 markets than come to Woodstock and  
 Ingersoll. They were naturally glad to  
 get what they had anxiously waited two  
 months for—and which they might not  
 have got but for speculation. Still, it  
 holds good that competition at the op-  
 en boards is good for trade at any sea-  
 son of the year.  
 Upon the whole, the season has been  
 a good one. The salesmen may congrat-  
 ulate themselves and look for the thanks  
 of those they faithfully represented.  
 The farmers who produce the milk will  
 get a fairly profitable return from the  
 year's operations, however it may be  
 with the buyers who deal or speculate  
 in the product.—Sentinel-Review.

**NEWS OF THE DAY.**

Hamilton public schools are valued at  
 \$394,000.  
 It is said the late Lord Lytton was a  
 devoted spiritualist.  
 The exportation of horses from Russia  
 will be prohibited.  
 The sittings of the Civil Service Com-  
 mission will be private.  
 The Northwest Legislature will meet  
 at Regina on December 10th.  
 Ottawa lumbermen will have about  
 2,500 men in shanties this winter.  
 Two earthquake shocks were felt at  
 Seattle, Wash., Friday afternoon.  
 The Gladstonians gained 300 votes in  
 an election in Dorset on Saturday.  
 Over 30,000,000 human beings are re-  
 ported to be dying of hunger in Russia.  
 The Porte has ceded to France the  
 peninsula of Sheikaid in the Red Sea.  
 France now possesses 30 ironclads, 26  
 cruisers, 15 despatch boats and 45 tor-  
 pedo boats.  
 The influenza now prevalent in Eur-  
 ope is of a more virulent type than  
 that of 1889.  
 The business failures in Canada, up  
 to date, are nearly 200 more than they  
 were last year.  
 J. G. Roth, the man who fired three  
 shots at Rev. Dr. John Hall in New  
 York on Sunday, is insane.  
 The Royal Commission in the Baie  
 des Chateaux investigation have prom-  
 ised their report by Dec. 10th.  
 The Brazilian Government has dis-  
 missed the papal nuncio and given the  
 Vatican notice that it will tolerate no  
 ecclesiastical interference in politics.  
 Eight employees with the president  
 and secretary of the Louisiana state  
 lottery have been indicted at San An-  
 tonio, Tex., for violation of the postal  
 law.  
 Rev. Dr. Griffith, of the Sydenham  
 street Methodist church, Kingston, on  
 Sunday asked for \$12,000 towards liqui-  
 dating the church debt, and \$7,200 was  
 subscribed on the spot.  
 When the banking concern of the  
 Summerfields failed in Berlin, father  
 and son committed suicide. Two of the  
 firm's customers who lost heavily also  
 took their lives on Sunday last.  
 Principals Grant preached a grand anti-  
 annexation sermon to the St. Andrew's  
 Society at Kingston on Sunday night.  
 The Principal said it was hard to keep  
 one's temper when annexation opinions  
 were being expressed.

**THEIR OWN AFFAIRS.**

We really think it were as well  
 If, in this vale of cares,  
 Good people would just condescend  
 To mind their own affairs.  
 'Tis wonderful the constant bliss  
 That little minds discover  
 In meddling with the ways and means  
 And doings of each other.  
 It is a weakness and 'twere hard  
 If one could not forgive it;  
 It is so very possible  
 To pity and outlive it.  
 But still we deem it were as well  
 If, in this vale of cares,  
 Good people would just condescend  
 To mind their own affairs.

**For Older Scholars.**

**A**T the convention of school trust-  
 ees recently held in Toronto, a  
 resolution was passed recom-  
 mending that authority be given  
 to all teachers of rural  
 schools to set apart one half day in each  
 week, during the winter months, for  
 teaching of mensuration, book-keeping  
 and composition of the older scholars,  
 and to prepare them for the practical duties  
 of farm and business life. It was argu-  
 ed that too much attention was given  
 to pupils preparing for examinations,  
 and not enough to farmers' sons of ma-  
 ture age, who go into the schools just  
 for the winter season. During the half  
 day recommended to be devoted to  
 them, the younger scholars may be dis-  
 missed or put under the charge of an  
 advanced pupil. Every farmer's son  
 before he finally leaves school should be  
 able to properly keep the records of the  
 farm; to estimate the number of acres  
 in a field; the cords of wood in a tree;  
 the quantity of stone in a wall; the tons  
 of hay in a stack; the bushels of grain  
 in a bin; the gallons of water in a well  
 or cistern; the pounds of dressed meat  
 in an animal, and such like matters.

**Additional Local Items.**

J. H. McBAIX will occupy the pulpit  
 of the Methodist church, Listowel, on  
 Sunday evening.  
 MR. AND MRS. BRADLEY, of London,  
 formerly of Elma, are renewing old ac-  
 quaintances in this locality.  
 J. A. HACKING Listowel, is giving  
 away a superb music box. See what he  
 says about it in his advt.  
 THE I. O. F. purpose giving an enter-  
 tainment in the Town Hall, Atwood, on  
 New Year's night, fuller particulars of  
 which will appear next week.  
 W. M. BRUCE, L. D. S., of Listowel,  
 will make his first professional visit to  
 Atwood next Monday, Dec. 7th, at  
 Loerger's hotel.  
 H. HOPE and John Pride returned  
 from Manitoba last Friday evening.  
 Mr. Hope will spend the winter in this  
 locality. They look well, the west hav-  
 ing evidently agreed with them.

DAN. McMILLAN, for the past season  
 employed with James A. Gray in the  
 Elma Cheese Co's factory, left for his  
 home in Harrington Saturday. Dan is  
 a rattling good cheesemaker, and Mr.  
 Gray is well pleased with him.

Be sure and attend the Monkton  
 Presbyterian church re-opening services  
 next Sunday, Dec. 6th, and the tea meet-  
 ing on the following Monday evening.  
 A program of the interesting proceed-  
 ings can be found elsewhere in this  
 issue.

It is evident that the editor of the  
 Dundas Banner is not a judge of good  
 music, for he says: "The New Highland  
 regiment in Toronto is provided with  
 both drummers and pipers, and it is said  
 that when they begin to play the street  
 car horses try to climb into the cars and  
 hide under the seats."

**A MODEL MAN.**—There is a man in  
 our town and he is wondrous wise;  
 whenever he writes the printer man he  
 dotheth all his 's. And when he dot-  
 teth all of them, with great sang froid  
 and ease, he punctuates each paragraph  
 and crosses all his 's. Upon one side  
 alone he writes, and never rolls his leaves;  
 and from the man of ink a smile, and  
 mark "insert" receives. And when a  
 question he doth ask (taught wisely had  
 he been), he doth the little three-cent  
 stamp, for postage back, put in.

**PERTH TEACHERS.**—The annual meet-  
 ing of the Perth Teachers' Association  
 was held on Nov. 26th and 27th in the  
 assembly hall of the Stratford Collegiate  
 Institute. Mr. Tauner, principal  
 of the Listowel High school and Presi-  
 dent of the Association, opened the ses-  
 sion by a brief address, in which he com-  
 mented upon some striking educational  
 facts. There are now in the Province  
 over 2,000 public school teachers and  
 600,000 pupils, the expenditure under  
 the head of public schools reaching to  
 about \$4,000,000. This is besides the  
 collegiate institutes, model schools and  
 universities. Altogether over \$8,000,000  
 is spent in this province annually in  
 various ways upon education; and it is  
 now proposed by some that the author-  
 ities provide free text books to the pu-  
 pils, under the claim that such would  
 be a great saving to the parents, since  
 when a school room is once equipped,  
 the books will be passed from one set  
 of scholars to their successors until the  
 books are worn out. For want of space  
 we cannot give even a synopsis of the  
 several interesting discussions on educa-  
 tional topics, much to our regret.

The election of officers resulted in elect-  
 ing Mr. Nethercott, principal of Moberg  
 school in Mitchell, to the presiden-  
 s chair; and it is safe to predict that the  
 gavel will be vigorously wielded this  
 year. The other officers elected were:  
 Vice-President, Miss Walker; Secre-  
 tary-Treasurer, R. H. Cowie; Executive  
 Committee, S. Martin, of St. Mary's;  
 R. Stuart, of Stratford; Mr. Park, of  
 Logan, and Wilson Taylor, B. A., of  
 Stratford. Votes of thanks were pas-  
 sed to Dr. Sangster, Rev. Mr. Hicks,  
 Mr. Sherwood and other speakers; to  
 the Collegiate Institute Board for the  
 use of the assembly hall, and to the  
 retiring President, Vice-President and  
 Secretary, J. A. Tanner, Miss K. Rich-  
 mond and S. H. Harding, respectively.  
 The subjects to be handled by Messrs.  
 Ratcliffe, Follick and Nethercott had to  
 be laid over for lack of time.