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COMMUNICATIONS.

The Challenge Accepted.

To the Editor of THE BEE.

DEAR SIR:—I am surprised at our friend Mr. Currie, talking as he does in his advertisement, which only serves to mislead the public. But the people are too well educated to be carried away by any such trash. There is a screw loose somewhere, or else the shoe pinches hard. Now, in the first place, I will admit I was acquainted with one of the judges in Mitchell, but did not know that he was to be judge, nor did I see him, until after I had moved my goods from the hall. I met him on the road and he told me he had judged the suits but did not know who were the owners. This was in the fall of 1890. This last fall I did not know until in the afternoon, when the two judges came to where I was in the hall, one of whom had never been in Atwood before and I had never spoken to him. In the course of our conversation, one of them remarked that he could not make a better suit than that of Mr. Currie's he would be ashamed of it and leave it at home; that the man who made that suit did not know anything about tailoring. These words came from a first class man—a tailor—who knows more in a minute about the trade than Mr. Currie does in one week. Now, about the misfits. It is too bad to expose the poor, innocent boy, full of perfection (?) but he has himself to blame. In the first place, I employ eight hands, whereas Mr. Currie employs only one and two apprentices. We turn out four suits to Mr. Currie's one. It would be a disgrace to the man running such a small business to make any misfits, and yet one man not far from here, a victim of Mr. Currie's good fits, got a suit and wore it once, and now he has it hanging up and will probably take \$3 for it. Another man got a suit that fitted so badly Mr. Currie threw \$5 off as an inducement for him to take it. Another opened the door and threw a pair of pants on the counter and told Mr. Currie to wear them if he could as it was impossible for him to wear them; and he came to R. M. Ballantyne's where he got satisfaction. I trust, Mr. Editor, your readers will pardon me for taking notice of such a trifling matter as that which appeared in last week's BEE. I have lived here now over seven years and have had dealings with the majority of the people of Elma, and have always endeavored to do what was right with my customers and the public, generally.

Yours truly,

R. M. BALLANTYNE.

Perth County Notes.

It is rumored that a Mitchell hotel keeper has decamped.

T. F. Harrison, of St. Marys, has the contract for seating the new church at Anderson.

T. G. Marquis, Kingston, has been appointed English Master at Stratford Collegiate Institute.

J. W. Cull has decided not to leave Mitchell, but, on the contrary, has determined to remain and open a private banking business.

The Stratford Herald says thirty three medals for serving on the frontier at the time of the Fenian Raid in 1866 have been received by people in that neighborhood.

Listowel has adopted the plan of ringing the town bell at 9 p. m., and all kids found on the street after that hour unaccompanied by their parents are taken in charge of the constable.

There are now 624 workmen on the pay-roll of the G. T. R. shops, Stratford. When the electric light is put in and overtime work is general, these will represent a staff of nearly 1,000 workmen.

J. Keeso, of Wallace township, won a laurel for his machine and men in some fast work in threshing, which he did on the farm of M. Howe, Wallace, where he threshed 650 bushels of fall wheat in four hours and 15 minutes.

A great many counterfeit quarters are afloat in the country, some of which have reached Stratford. They are clumsy imitations, however, and may be detected with ordinary care. People will do well to be on their guard against them.

A number of enterprising Stratford citizens are agitating the formation of a company in the city for the manufacture of carpets. An experienced and practical carpet manufacturer is now in the city, and negotiations are progressing.

The County of Perth Law Association held its annual meeting in the library at the court house, Stratford, on Monday afternoon (9th) and transacted business and re-elected the same officers for next year. They are: John Idington, Q. C. president; J. P. Mabey, vice-president; J. A. Davidson, sec-treas.; trustees, Messrs. Idington, Mabey, E. Sydney Smith, Q. C. G. G. McPherson, A. Dent, H. B. Morphy and E. Harding.

Charles Butler, the piano agent who worked a fraud on a North Easthope farmer last spring, and is defendant in an action for obtaining money under false pretense, sent down for trial in December at London, has committed suicide in New York by shooting himself. He was about 30 years of age, and his friends live in the vicinity of Belleville. Butler was implicated in the hulls-out fraud before he took up the piano racket, and had quite an unsavory reputation as a swindler all over Ontario.

Monkton.

Miss Mary Adair has returned from Stratford, looking much better in health. Knox church is being remodeled, and when finished will present a pleasing appearance.

Our Methodist friends have improved the parsonage by raising it up and placing a stone foundation under it.

Messrs. Watt and Gill have taken the contract of repairing Mr. Huggins' shop, which is to be occupied by our worthy tailor, Mr. Wassman.

We understand that Miss Hepburn has been re-engaged to teach S. S. No. 8 for next year. As she is a successful teacher, we think the trustees have done well in securing her services.

The people are saying:—That the sixteenth sports have returned from Wiardeer.—That Bro. Hed is rushing business on the seventeenth con.—That a gentleman from the twelfth con. is nearing the port. Success, Johnnie.—That Alex. will soon sing a Scott song.—That George Goughly has finished a big season's threshing.—That on account of the heavy rains the roads are in a bad state.

Huron County Notes.

An effort is being made to start a gun club in Gorrie.

An addition is being made to the Clinton Organ Factory.

\$115.00 was the financial result of the Blyth Methodist church anniversary services.

Several carloads of lambs have lately been shipped from Clinton to the Buffalo market.

Walton cheese factory sold their cheese to Mr. Riley, of Ingersoll, for 6 13-16 cents per pound. They had 250 boxes.

The Royal Templar Life Boat Crew will visit Goderich again next month. They will hold meetings here December 6th to 12th.

On Wednesday, Nov. 11th, G. Candler and Miss Lizzie Turnbull, of Walton, were united in marriage at the manse by Rev. D. Forrest.

Fourteen cars of pickled eggs were shipped by the Grand Trunk and Erie railways on Saturday from Seaford for the British markets.

John Gorrell, a son of A. Gorrell, Clinton, met with a heavy loss in Manitoba a few days ago, having three stacks of wheat destroyed by fire.

Thomas Yellow, of the Huron road, Tuckersmith, has purchased from Wm. Bawden a two hundred acre farm adjoining the village of Exeter.

Tom McLean, of Goderich, has made his headquarters at Lucknow and in company with Jas. Young has shipped 650 head of cattle and about 1,000 lambs.

Rev. Mr. McLean, pastor of the Presbyterian church Blyth, was made the recipient of a valuable silver tea service, and chair by the congregation on the occasion of his 25th anniversary as pastor of the church.

Edwin Lee, the student in charge of the Atwood mission of the English church, has now four appointments instead of three to fill every Sunday, viz.: Ethel, Henfryn, Trowbridge and Atwood. Mr. Lee is a worker.

John Leslie, Winnipeg, son of T. Leslie, of Wingham purchased furniture from the factories here for the new hotel which is being erected in Winnipeg, called "the Manitoba." The contract for the furniture alone is \$30,000.

Richard Robinson has rented his farm in Tuckersmith, south of Egmondville, to Henry McGavin, of Stanley, for a term of five years, at an annual rental of \$300, and in addition Mr. McGavin pays the taxes and does the road work.

Another of the pioneers of the township of Turnberry, in the person of Thos. Jobb, passed peacefully away to his last resting place on Monday, 9th inst. The deceased was 86 years and 9 months of age, and was highly respected by all who knew him.

The following teachers were engaged for next year to fill the vacancies in the Clinton Public school:—W. R. Lough, Principal; Miss Stirret, of Toronto, 1st assistant; 2nd, Miss O'Neil; 3rd, Miss Lavin, Ottawa Normal; 4th, Miss Healy; 5th, Miss Wilson; 6th, Miss Leslie; Primary department, Miss A. Taylor, of Brussels.

A very interesting event took place in the Roman Catholic Church, Blyth, on Monday morning of last week, which brought forth a large assemblage of interested relatives and friends. This event was the marriage of James Dwyer, of Detroit, to Miss Mary Kelly, second daughter of Blyth's worthy townsman, John Kelly.

That terribly fatal disease, consumption, has claimed another victim in the person of Mrs. Bell, wife of the late Henry Bell, of Morris, formerly of Belleville, who passed peacefully away at the residence of her father in this township on the 2nd inst., at the age of 32 years. Mrs. Bell's maiden name was Elizabeth Miller.

Bert Johnston, of the Expositor office, Seaford, has invented, and is having patented in Canada, England, France, Germany and the United States, a very simple and effective apparatus for locking up printer's forms. Of the many contrivances for this purpose now in use, Mr. Johnston's is the very best we have seen, and can scarcely fail to become of general use in printing offices.

Crops and Live Stock in Ontario.

FROM THE BUREAU OF INDUSTRIES.

BULLETIN No. 38 of the Bureau of Industries of Ontario up to Nov. 9th says fall wheat has turned out a remarkably fine crop—better than expected. It is undoubtedly the crop of the year. It averages 25 to 30 bushels per acre in many sections, and weighs from 60 to 66 lbs. per bushel, in many townships averaging 64 lbs. Out of all our correspondence only 14 reports of an inferior crop have been received, 10 of which came from the east which produces less than one-fifth of the entire output. Spring wheat is grown principally in eastern Ontario, and with very few exceptions is reported to be a very fine crop. We have received many such reports as these: "Best crop in ten years," "Best crop in twenty years," "Best crop ever known." In regard to barley the acreage sown is becoming less and reports are variable. The drought retarded its early growth, and the wet weather at harvest affected its quality. The yield appears to be good, but the grain in the great majority of cases is badly colored. In regard to two-rowed barley the reports are divided.

All agree that the past season has been exceptionally favorable for this crop. The correspondents speak only of the yield per acre and weight per bushel, nothing being mentioned, of course, as to its marketing qualities. From Essex to Welland the reports are decidedly against it; from Lambton, Huron, Bruce, Grey and Simcoe, the reports are slightly in favor; the central counties in the west give strong opinions on both sides; from Toronto through the Whitby and Bay of Quinte regions and in the vicinity of Ottawa more favorable reports have been received; in Victoria, Peterborough and the region to the north the majority of the opinions are against it. Oats, as reported, are the most variable crop, extraordinary yields and failures being reported from adjacent townships. In the west the early sown are reported very good, the late sown light. In the inland central district and in the east the yield is above the average. In many sections the wet weather before harvest induced rust, and the rains at harvest prevented getting the crop in good shape. On the whole the crop is far above the average. Very few reports of rye came to us. It is not a large crop, but is grown in small quantities all over the province. The yield will be only medium, perhaps below the average. Peas came up very unevenly, and in some sections ripened very unevenly. A larger crop would have been harvested had it not been for the ravages of the "pea bug." The injuries were principally in Essex, Kent, Lambton and Middlesex. On the whole the crop may be regarded as a good one, although the straw will be very poor owing to wet weather.

The autumn weather has been unusually favorable for the ripening and harvesting of corn, beans and buckwheat, and they were everywhere secured in fine condition. In the south-western counties, where it is principally grown, corn was not by any means a uniform crop. On heavy clay soils the crop in many instances failed on account of the dry and backward spring, and, again, on light and sandy soils it suffered very much from summer drought. The fodder corn crop is generally superior, and in some instances the best for many years; and, taken all together, corn has been a satisfactory crop. The bean crop was rather a light one in the south-western counties, but in quality and color the sample is a fair average. Buckwheat was a fine crop, and was harvested in good condition. The reports regarding potatoes are rather discouraging. Only a few counties appear to have escaped the rot, the loss from this cause being estimated all the way from 5 to 50 per cent. Probably one-quarter of the unusually large yield has already gone by the rot. The only remark made regarding bugs was to the effect that they were not nearly as bad as usual. In the West Midland and Lake Ontario groups turnips are said to have turned out magnificently, and wherever grown to any extent the crop has done pretty well. There were too many blanks in the rows of mangels, caused by the drought at seeding, to allow a first-class showing for this crop, except in a few favored localities. Carrots have been an unsatisfactory crop this year, owing to much of the seed failing to germinate. The weather during the ingathering and pitting of roots was all that could be desired.

In the Lake Ontario counties a splendid yield of apples is reported. Large shipments have been made, and some western counties apple orchards did not bear as heavily as in former years, but there is plenty for home consumption, and a considerable quantity will be shipped.

Pears suffered from blight in some quarters, but on the whole the crop may be regarded as a good one, and a considerable quantity has been exported.

Peaches were not plentiful, although in some counties a surplus is reported. Quinces are reported to be a fair crop, where grown. Grapes have been very plentiful. The acreage of fall wheat sown in 1891 is at least 25 per cent. greater than that sown in 1890, the increase being entirely in the western part of the province. The reasons assigned by corres-

pondents for this increase are the following:—The extraordinary fine results of the crop this year, the low price of barley the past summer, and the very favorable weather of September for sowing. Most of the land which had been especially prepared for fall wheat was in good condition, but a great deal of land has been put down to this crop that is dirty and poorly prepared as a consequence of the increased acreage. On the whole the condition of the land at sowing may be called "fair."

Owing to the long continued drought and the uneven distribution of rain this fall the reports as to pastures are favorable.

Cattle, even in the region of short pasturage, are going in good condition. The reports as to the good condition of all kinds of stock here practically unanimous. In the east most of the available sheep, hogs and cattle have been bought for the Montreal market, but there appears to be enough left for local demand. The fattening of cattle and sheep will be confined to the western part of the province. Hogs are abundant in all parts, and in some counties in the west this branch of agriculture has greatly increased. Market supplies are reported to be more than equal to the demand, but complaints as to low prices are very common. In regard to food supplies for the winter, the only lack is in the matter of hay, but as there is an abundance of straw, corn stalks and roots, this will not be felt.

Correspondents report the dairy as in a fairly prosperous condition during the season, although there was a scarcity of milk owing to the drought.

ELMA COUNCIL.

A special meeting of the municipal Council of the township of Elma was held in Loerger's hall, Atwood, on the 14th inst. Members all present. The object of the meeting was to pass a By-law amending the Wilson drain By-law. Moved by Mr. Tughan, seconded by Mr. Lochhead, that By-law numbered 294 amending By-law numbered 286, being a By-law to provide for draining parts of the township of Elma, which is necessary to have the same amended in accordance with the changes and alterations made in the assessment by the County Judge, be now finally passed. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Lochhead, seconded by Mr. Hammond, that James McKenzie's account for damages sustained to threshing machine engine, \$72.70, be paid. Carried.

THOS. FULLERTON, Clerk.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The Quebec Centre election petition was dismissed this week.

Tuesday was the 319th anniversary of the death of John Knox, the Scottish reformer.

The Conservatives will shortly meet in convention to nominate a candidate for South Perth.

Lord Lytton, the British ambassador to France, died in London Tuesday last. He was 69 years old.

The directors of the Winnipeg Exhibition are almost unanimous in favor of holding next year's fair in July.

Guelph City Council has been presented with an ambulance, built as a result of Miss Annie Keating's efforts.

There are 4214 vacant houses in Toronto, according to returns recently made by the police officers of that city.

During the past season 104,309 head of cattle, 31,766 sheep, 79,309 packages of butter and 1,372,033 packages of cheese were shipped from Montreal.

The election of Mr. Truax in East Bruce was declared void on Saturday, Nov. 21st, on the ground that an agent hired a team on election day to carry voters to the poll.

Mail advices show that by the recent earthquake in Japan 7,254 persons were killed and 9,458 wounded, while 90,000 houses were wrecked and 400,000 people rendered homeless.

Hon. Wilfrid Laurier was accorded an enthusiastic reception at Boston, Mass., Nov. 17, on the occasion of the complimentary banquet tendered him by the French-Canadians of that city.

"Rev." Walter Nelson, the married pastor of Port Burwell Baptist church, has eloped with Miss Teetzel, a St. Thomas young woman who was teaching in a Malahide school. Nelson's past history is not known to the congregation over which he presided.

During apple picking in the orchard of John Watson, 6th con. Huron, Bruce county, a perfect russet apple was picked off a last year's sprout on a King of Tompkins tree. There was no graft as some imagined, and the only way that can be accounted for the peculiar production of fruit, is that the bloom of a russet had been inoculated by a bee into a blossom of the tree on which the apple developed.

Judgments were given in the Supreme Court, Nov. 17, in most of the election appeals from decisions on preliminary objections. The petitions against Messrs. Rider, Stanstead, and A. W. Ross, Lisgar, were dismissed, and the cases against the following will come up for trial, the decision being sustained:—Messrs. Davies, Walsh, Perry and Yoe, Prince Edward Island; Mr. McLennan, Glengarry; Sir John Thompson, Antigonish; Mr. Mills, Annapolis; Mr. Kaulbach, Lunenburg.

The ice skating rinks have been opened.

Brantford is to have an electric street railway system.

Admiral Montt has been declared President of Chile.

J. A. McDonald, M. P. for Victoria, N. S., has been unseated.

The election petition against Dr. Guay, Levis, has been dismissed.

The Montreal Herald, founded 83 years ago, has gone into liquidation.

The St. Clair tunnel is to be opened for passenger business on December 7.

Rev. John McLaurin, of Woodstock, is again going to India as a missionary.

The Montreal agent of immigration reports 25,729 arrivals during the past year.

The election protest against Mr. Charlton, North Norfolk, has been dismissed.

Winnipeg council has passed a resolution in favor of a direct railway line to Duluth.

The election petition against Col. Tisdale, of South Norfolk, has been dismissed.

The cross-petition against Dr. Wilson in the East Elgin election case has been abandoned.

The election petition against Alex. McNeill, M. P. for North Bruce, has been dismissed.

Hill & Weir's printing house, Toronto, was damaged to the extent of \$20,000 by fire last week.

Shipments of cattle from Montreal numbered during the past season about 15,000 less than last year.

Returns from Charlottetown, P. E. I., show that the majority against the repeal of the Scott Act is 955.

A license bill for the Northwest Territories will be introduced for the consideration of the Legislature.

Hon. John Dryden delivered a lecture at the Baptist College, Woodstock, on "The Kind of Men We Want."

W. H. Millman, of Woodstock, has shipped this season 46,192 barrels of apples, most of them to England.

The yearling filly, Fausta, by Sidney, on Saturday last trotted a mile in 2:25 1/2, which is now the world's record.

Miss Dr. O'Hara, of Smith's Falls, goes as a missionary to India, sent by the Presbyterian church of Canada.

A Liverpool fruit dealer, now in Montreal, says Canadian apples are preferred to United States apples in England.

The London Baptist Social Union has endorsed the proposal to hold a Baptist Ecumenical conference in Chicago in 1893.

Pelee Island produced this year \$20,000 worth of grapes and 20,000 bushels of wheat. There was 100,000 gallons of wine made on the island.

Galt won the first match for the junior football championship (Association) of Ontario on Saturday, defeating the Canadian Rovers 2 goals to 0.

Miss Clara Holloway, of Philadelphia, died on her engagement night, while playing a game of eucher, and an autopsy disclosed the fact that tight lacing killed her.

G. Henry Stratton, who went without food for 41 days in a New York dime museum died in the alcohol ward of Bellevue Hospital last week from the effects of his long fast.

In the court room at Windsor, on Friday last, Sol. White, M. P., is said to have called Lawyer Hanna a liar, whereupon the latter let go his right hand and smacked the annexationist on the cheek.

The National Cordage Company is said to have purchased the binding twine plant of William Deering & Co. of Chicago, for \$250,000, which places the binding twine industry in the United States under one head.

Cheyenne, Wyoming, boasts of a dog that knows the difference between good and bad money. He is a cross between a Scotch terrier and a bull dog, and on a wager singled out good American coins from among a number of trade dollars and Mexican pieces.

In New York Sunday evening, Nov. 22nd, Dr. McGlynn replied to the letter of the Propaganda giving the conditions on which the ex-priest would be allowed to re-enter the Roman church. He declined the conditions offered, and gave his reason therefor. He declined to condemn or retract what he had said.

Winter has evidently come to stay in Minnesota and Dakota, and hundreds of thousands of bushels of wheat are out in the stack. Not more than half the crop in Dakota has been threshed, and what is threshed cannot be sold, owing to want of storage room, consequent on lack of cars to move it. Farmers have hauled grain to market and had to haul it back again; and lumber cannot be had to build a temporary storehouse.

Rev. Sam Jones, the evangelist, is going to turn lawyer for one day at least. Rev. Sam Small was recently assaulted by Thomas Minor, a saloon keeper, who kicked out one of his front teeth. Mr. Small sued Minor for \$15,000 damages. Sam Jones has agreed to be Sam Small's lawyer in the case. Fifteen years ago Sam Jones was a lawyer in Cartersville. Then he turned preacher. All he has to do to be a lawyer again is to pay the State license of \$10. This he has done, and he will seize the opportunity to deliver a lecture to saloonkeepers.