

To Our Patrons.

AFTER due consideration, weeks of concentrated effort, together with considerable outlay, we are enabled to present our subscribers and the reading public with a Pioneer Number of THE BEE. We will allow the contents to speak for themselves. Readers will find much in these both to interest, please and instruct. Typographically, the paper is an illustration of the work done in THE BEE Job Department. We hope this Pioneer Number will please you, and that you will appreciate the outlay of work and money incurred in getting it up. At a busy season of the year such special numbers are a tax on the resources of the best equipped offices.

THE BEE is so thoroughly known throughout this district that it is not easy to say anything on its behalf that is not already familiar to everyone. Nothing that energy or outlay can accomplish will be left undone to maintain its prestige in Canadian journalism and to give its readers the very best that can be supplied. There is to be no standstill. THE BEE'S progress is to continue a quick march at the head of the procession. Great changes in the newspaper world have taken place and are impending. No changes will leave us behind. We propose that in 1891 THE BEE will be brighter, better and more popular than ever before. THE BEE makes a special feature of local and district news, and in this connection we beg to thank our able staff of correspondents for their voluntary and generous aid in furnishing its columns from week to week with items of interest from their respective localities. Their contributions are always welcome features of its news columns. It never had so many correspondents as at the present time. Almost every corner in North Perth and a large portion of East Huron is represented, so that everything of interest that occurs may be learned through its columns. It has not what could fairly be called a rival in this field in its own district.

A reference to the reading matter of THE BEE would scarcely be complete without an allusion to its advertising columns, because the advertising columns of a really live newspaper are of as much interest and value to many people as any other part of it. Nowadays men do not spend money in advertising unless they have something to say. Every man who advertises in THE BEE has something to tell the public, and it is worth the public's while to read what he says. THE BEE is the medium through which the farmers and business men speak to each other.

The price of THE BEE will be, as in the past, \$1 per year in advance. As these terms will be strictly adhered to, subscribers should see to it that they do not allow their papers to fall in arrears. On a trial trip for new subscribers we will give the balance of the present year free. In other words, we will send THE BEE until the 1st of January, 1892, for \$1—to those who are not now taking it. This is a liberal offer which hundreds should take advantage of. We repeat, THE BEE will be brighter, better and more popular next year than ever before. Fourteen months for \$1 to new subscribers. It is without doubt the newest and cheapest local newspaper in the county. Every resident of Perth should take it.

R. S. PELTON, Publisher.

The School Difficulty.

MANY of the residents of S. S. No. 5, Elma, have expressed their regrets at the needless strife and ill-feeling that has arisen over the school management. Notwithstanding the question at issue is one of public interest, we reluctantly give further publicity to the matter from the fact that whatever grievances there possibly may have been respecting the school should have been settled by the trustee board of the section and not allowed to have been heralded abroad through the public prints. We have listened to the grievances of both factions interested, and to our mind both are equally responsible for the disturbance thus arisen. In the first place the party or parties who complained of their children being too severely punished should have consulted with or written to the teacher, Mr. Morrison, in (this is not the legal way, but the wiser) a quiet, gentlemanly manner, and laid their complaints before him, and by this means give the teacher opportunity to adjust matters satisfactory to both

without the knowledge of the board. It is scarcely necessary to add that every charge laid before a trustee board against a teacher, whether the grievance be real or imaginary, places that officer in a very awkward position and lessens his chances for re-engagement the ensuing year, although the charges may have been proven to be groundless. But, if the teacher refuses to listen to the complaints of the parent, who is persuaded his child has been unduly punished, then it is the parent's duty to lay the matter before the board, and that body should be composed of men capable, and with sufficient stamina, of exercising the power vested in them without fear or favor, and, having dealt with the charge in accordance with the law laid down by statute, to remain steadfast and unmoved. Now, the trustee board of No. 5 have listened to too many little petty tales from different parties in the section, which they have allowed to overrule their judgment in dealing with the real question at issue. The decision of the board should be final in every instance, and the rate payers who put them there ought to have implicit confidence in their ability to manage the affairs of the section, or else not elect them to the office. Mr. Morrison's capabilities as a teacher can not be brought into question. The school under his tuition has gained for itself an enviable reputation, which was evidenced at the recent Entrance and Promotion Examinations. Doubtless Mr. Morrison has punished Mr. Gee's children illegally. Mr. Morrison admits that he may have whipped Mr. Gee's children too severely, but did not think so at the time. If this be true, and we believe it to be, then Mr. Gee's grievances are real and genuine, and he is entitled to the solicitation of the board. Now for a few words in reference to the letters which appeared in these columns bearing on this question. One individual is as much entitled to express his conscientious convictions, for or against, in the columns of a newspaper as another, and neither of them forfeit their characters, providing they keep to the subject and avoid needless and libellous personalities. Writers Nos. 1 and 2 expressed their convictions in a manner which none could justly take offence at, but writer No. 3 gave utterance to statements which were injudicious, unprovoked and untrue. We have reference to the attacks on the private character of J. S. Gee, the accused writer of article No. 2. We are prepared to defend the character of Mr. Gee at all hazards. During our social and business intercourse with this gentleman we have found him honest, straightforward and gentlemanly, and his character beyond reproach. The writer of article No. 3 owes Mr. Gee an apology when he accuses him of being an "unprincipled man." We have learned with much regret that several parties have allowed their antipathy toward Mr. Gee to enter into their business relationships and withdrawn their patronage, or in other words, boycotted him. This is not right, and we sincerely trust the individuals, whoever they are, will not let their better judgment and many principles be overruled by the popular evil clamor of the moment. In conclusion, we hope the gulf of strained relationships will be bridged in a manner satisfactory to all concerned.

MAMIE'S DREAM.

WRITTEN FOR THE BEE PIONEER NUMBER BY MISS IDA PELTON, OF INNERKIE, ONT.

MAMIE RAY was a bright, winsome girl of fourteen, but I am sorry to say she had one fault, and that was she could never resist the temptation to improve her outward appearance; and any small article of finery which she happened to spy in her mother's bureau drawers were appropriated for the adornment of her own small person.

"They are dragging me back! I can't get free," screamed Mamie. A strong chain was fastened to each bare ankle, and unseen hands were slowly but surely dragging her down, down—Mamie sprang suddenly out of bed with a terrified face and gazed fearfully around. "Why! where am I?" she exclaimed. "I must have been dreaming," and a smile took the place of the frightened looks as she crept into bed and was soon fast asleep.

Next morning while helping her mother with the work, she laughingly told her the dream. But no answering smile was on the mother's face as she said: "My child you know your own great fault?"

Mamie blushed, but didn't answer. "It is vanity, and those secret little captives you make for your personal adornment may seem trivial, but the ocean had its beginning in the little spring on the hill-side; so with your little fault, which, like your dream, will drag you down, down, not ending with finding yourself safe in bed, but ending in finding yourself unable to resist great temptations in every form." Mamie's dream had done her good, and whenever she is tempted to take anything not belonging to her, she remembers her mother's words and conquers.

10c. SECURES A COPY OF The Bee Pioneer Number. Get several copies to send to your far away relatives and friends.

STRAYED

ON the premises of the undersigned, on Lot 13, Con. 5, Elma, a Red Steer, rising 2 years old. Owner may have the same by proving property, paying charges and taking it away. JAS. HUMMASON, Atwood P. O.

J. S. GEE

Is showing Full Lines in FALL AND WINTER GOODS.

All Wool Dress Goods, in plads and stripes. All Wool Black Cashmeres, plain and stripes. All Wool Gray Flannels, fine lines. All Wool Gent's Underclothing. All Wool Tweeds, fine range. All Wool Shawls, Clouds and Mufflers. Children's Underclothing, in all sizes.

Felt Hats—Latest Styles. Ladies' and Gent's Cloth, Curl, Astrachan, Persian Lamb and Beaver Caps. Ladies' and Gent's Cashmere, Kingwood and Astrachan Gloves.

BOOTS & SHOES.

Full stock for Fall Trade opened up. Ladies' and Children's Kip Shoes. No. 1 value to compete with ordered work. Men's and Boy's Long Boots. Also Ladies', Gent's and Children's Rubbers.

GROCERIES.

New Raisins, Currants, Peels, etc. New Baking Powder. Each purchaser of a Pound Can secures a handsome present. Remember this is no lottery business. You select your own present. Oat and Corn Meal by the lb. or bag. Goods Delivered Free.

J. S. GEE, - NEWRY.

A. A. GRAY,

(FORMERLY OF LISTOWEL) OF THE FIRM OF

JOHNSON & CO.

Royal Art Studio,

513 QUEEN STREET W., TORONTO.

Enlargements for the Trade, Solar, Bromide, Platinum, Opal and Oil Prints.

PORTRAITS

In Crayon, Ink, Water, Oil and Pastel Colors.

Full line of Artist's Material kept in stock. Oil and Water Colors, Canvases, Brushes, Palettes, Crayons, &c., &c.

SAMPLE OF WORK

On Exhibition at THE BEE Publishing House, where Full Particulars may be had and Orders Taken.

Dr. Sinclair,

M. D., M. A., L. C. P. S. O., M. C. P. S. M.,

THE SCOTTISH SPECIALIST, OF TORONTO.

Specialist for the treatment of Private Diseases, Diseases of the Brain and Nerve, Diseases of the Heart and Lungs, and Diseases of Women positively treated successfully.

Consultation Free.

Dr. Sinclair will be at

TOERGER'S HOTEL, ATWOOD.

ON FRIDAY,

Nov. 28, 1890.

TESTIMONIALS.

Jonathan Buschart, of Listowel, Ont. says:—"After I spent all my money and property on medical men for what they called Consumption Dr. Sinclair cured me."

Mrs. Lockhart, Dundalk, says:—"Dr. Sinclair cured me of what was termed incurable lung trouble when all others failed."

Mr. McDonald, Lakeside, says:—"Dr. Sinclair cured me completely of Catarrh when years of others' trials failed."

Geo. Rowed, of Plym, says:—"Dr. Sinclair cured me of Heart affection and Dropsy."

Jas. Beattie, Brook, says:—"Dr. Sinclair cured our son of fits."

J. IRWIN

Is Showing for the

FALL TRADE!

New Flannels in all patterns and at all prices.

NEW Blankets, factory or home made, NEW Shirts and Drawers, unions and all wools. NEW Top Shirts, buttoned & laced.

New Winceys,

Meltons, Cottons, And Cottonades.

New Hose, for women and children.

New Mitts and Gloves.

New Caps---Persian Lamb, Beaver and Astrachan.

New Robes---Black, White and Gray.

New Overcoats, a big range of prices.

Felt Boots & Shoes, Overshoes and Rubbers.

Full lines in Groceries, Crockery, Glassware.

OUR

Ordered Clothing

Still Takes the Lead.

The best Tweeds, Worsteds and Trimmings, always in stock. We still keep up our reputation for Good Fitting Suits.

We carry a Full Stock! We Sell Cheap!

We pay the highest price for Butter, Eggs, Potatoes, Fowl and All Produce.

IT WILL PAY YOU To Deal With Us,

TRY AND SEE.

JAS. IRWIN, ATWOOD.