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Country Talk.

Newry.
It was in Holmes' store last Friday night a party offered to buy as much stuff as a certain young man, of this locality, could eat. The challenge was accepted, and the young man straight way proceeded to mow away the following bill of fare—3 plates of oysters; 2 cans of salmon; 10 dry soda biscuits, in seven minutes; sucked six eggs, and finished up on a pound of figs. This was devoured after eating his supper a few minutes previous. Next!

Listowel.
No candidate for municipal honors have yet declared themselves. We understand, however, that W. G. Hay will be again in the field for mayor, so says the Banner.

The Rev. Dr. Carman, General Superintendent of the Methodist church, will preach morning and evening next Sunday, Dec. 13, and lecture on Monday evening following.

Elma.
Miss Laura Turnbull, con. 8, is enjoying a visit with relatives in Brussels. Charles Barr has just finished a driving shed which cannot be surpassed by anything in this neighborhood. Miss Farrell, who has spent the summer in the city, was renewing old acquaintances in this locality the other day.

At the tea meeting in Jubilee, on the 14th inst., T. Magwood, M.P. P., and Rev. Mr. Irwin, late of Ireland, will give addresses.

John Clark and Robert Hamilton, the former from St. Cloud, Minn., and the latter from Chicago, returned to Elma last Saturday.

633 boxes of the October make of cheese from the Elma cheese Co's factory were shipped this week. The balance, 250 boxes, will be shipped shortly. William Morrison intends raffling off his young horse, "Meteor," on the evening of December 26th, 1891. The lucky man is going to have a fine horse and may well be proud of him.

The trial of the drainage cases which was in progress at the Court House, Stratford, for some days adjourned Friday afternoon till Dec. 16, at 10 o'clock a. m. The case of McLellan vs. Township of Elma was concluded and judgment reserved. The action was brought for damages for digging a drain by defendants pursuant to an award made by arbitrators under the Municipal Act upon appeal made from a drainage assessment made by the township engineer. Mabee & Gearing for plaintiffs and Idington & Palmer for the defendants.

The following is the report of U. S. S. No. 2, Elma and Wallace. The names are in order of merit—5th class—Edward Tompkins, Junior 4th class—Willie Tompkins, Annie Brisbin, Willie McLaren, Maud Mann. Senior 3rd class—Chas. Tompkins, Norman Milburn, Annie Sanderson, Bella Urquhart. Junior 3rd class—Jessie Milburn, Willie McMillan, Willie Sanderson, Ernest Stapleton, John Barnett, Ester Marks, Lizzie Marks, Samuel Barnett, Jas. Gardiner, Jessie Urquhart, Annie Martin. Senior 2nd class—Fannie Milburn, Henry Sanderson. Miss I. R. McBain, Teacher. Report of S. S. No. 2, Elma, for the month of November. First three in each class in order of merit—5th class—Jennie Douglas, Edwin Forbes, Ida Keith. Senior 4th class—Hettie Hickling, Maggie Hamilton, Jessie Cullen. Junior 4th class—Charlie Douglas, Lottie Stewart, Tena Shearer. Senior 3rd class—Jennie Cleland, Mabel Turnbull, Willie Shearer. Junior 3rd class—Mary Shearer, Herbie Forman, Edward Hamilton. Senior 2nd class—Florence Cutler, Ellen Turnbull and Harrie Halliday. Junior 2nd class—Nettie Burnett. Junior 2nd class—Jean Aitchison, Hector Aitchison, Walter Shank. Part II—Samuel Stewart, Wessels Stewart, Annie Halliday. Miss M. HARVEY, Teacher.

Poole.

Dr. Catermole has put a telephone in Mr. Doersain's hotel. Joseph Large, of Listowel is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Large, here. W. B. Chalmers has gone to make an extended visit to friends in Detroit. Miss Maggie Shearer goes to Stratford this week to take a term at dress-making. Miss Alexander, of Michigan, is visiting Miss Clara Walker and other friends in this vicinity.

Ethel.
Wm. Sanders, we regret to say, is laid up this week. The little sleighing we have is making things lively here. Thos. Slemmon is on the sick list this week. May he soon recover is our wish. Joseph Hensworth has purchased Mrs. Ames' house and lot and has moved into it. Alex. Glenn is moving to Gorrie this week, where he intends working at his trade. Success, Alex.

Brussels.

A partnership has been formed between W. Burgess, photographer, and R. A. Buchanan, crayon artist. Messrs. Irwin & McHain have had a neat, gold lettered sign placed over their store door. It is the handiwork of W. Roddick. Miss Aggie Town, a former resident, is in town. She is on her way to her home in Buffalo after a pleasant sojourn with relatives in Winnipeg.

W. Harris, who has been cheese making in the Tilsonburg country during the past summer will put in the winter in Brussels and locality. Mrs. Jas. Bell is a sister of Mr. Harris'. Rev. J. L. Kerr and wife went to London on Friday last to meet the Toronto dentist concerning the recent operation performed on Mr. Kerr's eye in the removal of a cataract.

The partnership existing between Messrs. Smith, Malcolm & Gibson has been dissolved by mutual consent and Mr. Malcolm will take up the furniture business again, assuming charge of the store already established. R. Cunningham and J. Sutherland, of Guelph, well known insurance agents, were in Brussels last week. The former informed the Post that their companies had paid \$50,000 to people in this town as settlement of losses from fires.

Grey.

Council meeting on the 15th inst. Tax Collector McDonald will collect Thursday, 10th Dec; in J. Burton's Hotel, Ethel, Dec. 11th. Mrs. Scott, of Vanderbilt, Michigan, is visiting her sister, Mrs. George Crooks, and the Armstrong family, of Morris. It is 12 years since Mr. and Mrs. Scott removed to the States from Brussels.

Mrs. C. Boverman was summoned to Kincairdine on Wednesday, 2nd inst., to attend the sick bed of her uncle, George Peacock, who is lying almost at the point of death, suffering from Bright's disease. The deer hunters, among whom were the Lamonts and Bishops, had good luck in their Muskoka trip. They secured all the deer the law would allow them, but they had to go a long piece back for them. Report has it that Albert Avery, formerly of the 16th con., is taking gigantic strides on the road to wealth, prairie farming out west. It is said he has had a yield of 3,300 bushels of wheat this year. Well done Ab.

We are sorry to have to state that Mrs. Thos. Whitfield, of the 12th con., who has been very ill with lung trouble for the past six or seven weeks, is not getting any better but failing very fast. Her sorrowing friends can now entertain no hopes of her recovery. Early Monday morning, Nov. 30th, the mother of James Holmes, 12th con., died after a brief illness. She only took ill on Friday, and passed away as stated above. The deceased was well up in years and was on a visit to her son. The body was taken to Palmerston for interment where her husband was buried.

Logan.

A. Mueller, from Uncle Sam's dominions, is visiting his home here. Miss Amelia Pfeifer and Miss Emma Davey, Mitchell, Sundayed at home. C. Honey returned from Dakota last week, after reaping the harvest off his farm there. We are pleased to see Joe Francis back among his friends again; his summer's sojourn with the Elmaites seems to have enlivened him. Miss Moon, of Woodstock, is the guest of Miss Woolcott, this week; and Mr. Renwick, of the same town, is visiting his uncle on the 14th con.

The Lutheran church people here are preparing for a grand Christmas tree entertainment, to be held in their church on the evening of Dec. 24th. Messrs. Bohar & Blair threshed for Pat. Nicholson, 14th con., on Dec. 1st, 600 bushels of peas in six hours. This is considered the fastest threshing on record. Miss Maggie Lawson has been slightly indisposed for the last few days by a swelling of the knee joint. We hope to see her around in a few days. Her brother Will is not recruiting his health any.

Old Mrs. McLagen passed away on Dec. 3rd after a few months illness. Her remains were followed to Mitchell cemetery by a large number of friends. She was a devoted Christian and a member of the Methodist church. Henry and John Ritz, of this township, attended the funeral of their cousin, Henry Ritz, of Mitchell, on Monday last. Deceased met his death by lying out all night in a drunken condition, the body being found the following day about noon.

ANNEXATION.

LETTER OF HON. OLIVER MOWAT TO HIS CONSTITUENTS.

IN compliance with an invitation from a number of people in the county of Oxford, Solomon White, the Annexationist apostle of Windsor, addressed a meeting the other day in Woodstock, at which he set forth his peculiar views concerning Canada's future. As this address was to be delivered to the constituents of the Hon. Oliver Mowat, Premier of Ontario, that gentleman deemed it advisable to make his views on the annexation question known to his own people and by way of advice and counsel addressed the following letter to his representative, Dr. McKay, M. P. P. for the South Riding:—

TORONTO, Nov. 23, 1891.
MY DEAR MR. MCKAY:—With reference to our conversation this morning I desire to reiterate my strong opinion that it would not be good policy for the friends of British connection and the old flag to stay away from Mr. Solomon White's meeting at Woodstock tomorrow. By doing so, or not voting at the meeting, they would enable annexationists to carry a resolution in favor of their views, and to trumpet it throughout the Dominion and elsewhere as the sentiments of the community as a whole. If in the loyal town of Woodstock, thriving beyond most, if not all, the other towns of Ontario, and in the banner county of Canadian Liberalism, formerly represented by the great champion of both British connection and Liberal principles, and noted ever since for its fidelity at once to the old flag and to the Liberal views; if in such place a resolution were carried at a public meeting to which all had been invited, no subsequent explanation as to the thinness of the attendance, or as to the contemptuous absence of opponents would, outside of Oxford, have any weight.

There are in most counties a few annexationists; in some counties more than in others; but the aggregate number in the Dominion, I am sure, is small as compared with the aggregate population. The great majority of our people, I believe and trust, are not prepared to hand over this great Dominion to a foreign nation for any present commercial consideration which may be proposed. We love our Sovereign, and we are proud of our status as British subjects. The Imperial authorities have refused nothing in the way of self government which our representatives have asked for.

OUR COMPLAINTS

are against Parliaments and Governments which acquired their power from our own people. To the United States and its people we are all most friendly. We recognise the advantages which would go to both them and us from extended trade relations, and we are willing to go as far in that direction as shall not involve now or in the future, political union; but there Canadians of every party have hitherto drawn the line, and I trust will continue to draw the line. We do not wish to disconnect ourselves with the motherland, unless it should be by-and-by to set up for ourselves as an independent nation in friendly alliance with the fatherland, if no longer in political connection with it. But the time for absolute independence has not come. The strongest tie between the Provinces of the Dominion at this moment is British connection and all that such connection implies. British connection should therefore be cherished by all practical means until other ties and the mutual interests of the Provinces become strong enough to secure their union and their independence as a nation. North America is amply large enough for two independent nations; and two friendly nations would be better for both populations than one nation embracing the whole continent.

I am glad to believe that these are your views as well as mine; and I should strongly advise that as many as may be of our constituents who hold them should endeavor to attend the meeting tomorrow, and should carry a resolution

REPUDIATING ANNEXATION

or any present change in our political relations. Such a resolution would show that we love our own nation better than any other nation, and our own interests better than the interests of any other country; that we are prepared to sacrifice something if necessary—though I do not suppose any sacrifice will be necessary—in order to retain the allegiance of this great Dominion to the Sovereign we love instead of suffering it to be transferred to another nation which may at any day be at war with our own nation, the nation of our fathers.

For Liberals there is an additional reason for maintaining our political relations with the fatherland, in that the electorate of Great Britain and Ireland has recently been so extended that the Government and Parliament are now, and shall henceforward be more than ever before, under the control of the body of the people.

Agreeably to your suggestion, I have thus hastily stated by long cherished views; and these views and sentiments I hold very strongly. I believe and trust that they are the views and sentiments of the great majority of the Liberals, and of the Conservatives also, of the county of Oxford; and I am very anxious that the county, whose honored representatives you and I are, should not be misrepresented or misunderstood. I wish the Dominion to know that Oxford has not forgotten the dear land—England, Ireland or Scotland—from which most of its population, they or their fathers, have come.

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Yours faithfully,
O. MOWAT.

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