

NEWS ABOUT HOME

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TOWN TOPICS.

The fall wheat is looking well, and Geo. Stewart is still bestowing every attention upon his photographic work. See newest catalogue for the work.

GOVERNMENT.—For the cheapest spring suits, go to MacCormac. For the finest selection of suits, go to MacCormac. For style, fit and finish, go to MacCormac. A. P. McLean's. The ways and means still prevail, but the photographer, takes choice pictures as usual, making his patrons happy and contented by giving them good work in the best style. R. S. BOWEN.

Carpenter taken up, cleaned and relaid. All kinds of repairing done. Lounges made over, hair mattresses, chairs, &c., recovered. Call and see them, whether you buy or not. Prices range from 1 cent to 10 cents. (J. C. Robertson East street.)

Mrs. H. Cooke's stock of wall paper has been carefully selected, and good value will be given in all goods. Get your stationery at the Huron school book depot. Books and presents available for young and old.

Great boom in wall paper at Imrie's book store. The cause of it is the remarkably low prices and choice designs in the patterns. Call and see them, whether you buy or not. Prices range from 1 cent to 10 cents. (J. C. Robertson East street.)

Before you commence house cleaning, call at Saunders variety store, and procure your supplies. A fresh stock of wall paper, window shades, wall tint, carpet lining, whitewash and kalsomine brushes, and every necessary for house cleaning. Note as the cheapest house hold in the town.

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I see a stranger on the street. Dressed in the height of fashion. His every garment is complete. And the girls are mad. In said. That is my brother Joe's. He's been to PHARMACY for his clothes.

Keep off the grass. Get the watering cart ready. George Black, Jr., has gone to Simcoe. Miss Teenie Meldrum is visiting friends at Exeter.

Miss Georgina McMicking has returned to town. Miss Marks of Brucefield, is the guest of Mrs. H. Cooke.

George Acheon's new advertisement will be given next week. Miss Alice Platt has been laid up with a severe attack of pleurisy.

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I. O. O. F.—The Oddfellows will meet in the lodge room at 10:30 next Sunday morning, and march to Victoria street church, where a special sermon will be preached to them by Rev. J. H. Carson.

The Elimville correspondent of the *Exeter Times*, thus refers to a former Goderich high school boy:—"Rev. E. Medd left for Sarnia on Tuesday morning to pass his first years examination. He deserves abundant success."

Our official weather observer, G. N. MacDonald, has the following memo. for the government weather statistics:—"From first heard on the night of the 21st April." This, we understand, is two days earlier than last year.

Bengough's *Cosmopolitan Shortlander* came to us last week filled with good things. Specimens of Isaac Pittman's, Ben Pittman's, Munson's and Graham's styles were given, and the liberal character of the magazine was fully sustained.

At the meeting of the Hamilton and London Presbyterian Synod, held in Hamilton last week, Robt. McNair, son of the late James McNair, of Goderich, was taken on trial for license on the application of the Presbytery of London.

CHEAP HORSEFEEL.—The Seaforth Express says:—"The Queen's hotel omnibus and the team of horses belonging to it, were purchased by Mr. A. M. Polley, of Goderich, the other day for \$175. This is less than half their value."

The light seen away out in the lake at sunset several days last week, was but the reflection of the sun upon a mass of ice. This strange light was observed by many of our citizens, who were of opinion that it was a small vessel in distress.

NEW STORE.—A. E. Munro, for many years connected with W. Kay's establishment, has shortly opened up with a new stock of dry goods, etc., in the store at present occupied by Currie Bros. Mr. Munro is said to be an excellent buyer.

Our latest exchange is the Fort William *Echo*, a handsome weekly of twenty-eight columns, edited by C. J. Stilwell. The *Echo* is a very creditable weekly, and a mechanical and literary standpoint, and Fort William ought to be proud of it.

J. C. Harrison acted as manager to Dudley, the fancy riding bicyclist in his recent Canadian tour. At Strathroy 500 people witnessed the performance.

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Miss Crawford, of Hamilton, has been the guest of her brother conductor Lagan Crawford, the past week or two.

VESSEL PURCHASED.—The schooner *Evening Star* has been purchased by Capt. James Baxter from Capt. A. Lawson.

FIRST FLOWERS.—We are indebted to our old friend, James Martin, for the first flowers of the season, a pretty little bunch of snow drops. They showed themselves on Friday, and were on the reportorial breast on Monday.

THE ALBION HOTEL.—We understand that Mr. McBride has satisfied all the claims against his estate, and will continue to conduct the Albion. This hotel has for the past year been the best conducted in town, and we can recommend it to our readers. Mr. McBride will keep up the second condition of the Albion to the highest point he has yet scored.

HAND ON THE RECK.—The bees came out during the week. At least those of the "little buzzers" which were alive came out. The season has been a terribly hard one on bees, and it is the exception, not the rule, for a colony to survive the winter. We would like those of our readers who have been to give us their winter's experience with them.

The many old comrades and friends of Dixie Watson will be pleased to hear that after a lapse of nearly twenty years he has again donned the soldier's coat, having just joined the volunteers at Regina, N.W.T., and assumed his old position in the ranks as "right hand man of the right sub-division," and is today as anxious to meet the foes of his country as he was in '66.

THE GOSPORT CHURCH.—The adjourned meeting of St. George's church was held on Monday last. Rev. P. Owen-Jones presided. The C. M. financial report certified to by the auditors was presented, and adopted. This was found to be very satisfactory.

A meeting of the board, presided over by Mr. John Deacon, church warden, for his very efficient management of the financial work of the church.

John Morrish, formerly of Colborne, writing from Hendrum, Minn., on April 16th, says:—"I might just say here that we have had a very little snow, and rather early spring, as there is nearly one-third of the seed in the ground now, and the land in unusually fine condition for seeding. In this country as a general thing the seed is not put in when the land is sticky and muddy, but now it is quite dry. Times have been rather dull here for some time past, but brightening up lately by so much warm weather."

H. B. L. & I. Co.—A meeting of the Huron & Bruce Loan and Investment Co. was held last Friday, when the following directors were elected: Sir R. J. Cartwright, Dr. Holmes, Joseph Williams, F. Jordan, John Acheon, Sheriff Gibbons, J. H. Colborne, J. Roberts, Dunganon, and W. M. Gray. Messrs. W. Campbell and W. R. Robertson were appointed auditors and the meeting adjourned. The directors met subsequently, and appointed Horace Horton, Manager and M. G. Cameron, solicitor. The election of President and Vice do. was deferred for a future meeting.

The Loan Co. has been organized on a sound basis, and is prepared to offer inducements of a superior nature to borrowers. Mr. Horton, Mayor and ex-M.P., is a man thoroughly posted on the county and with a good knowledge of finance. The prospects of the company are bright.

Forensic. Bro. Aleck Saunders, D.D.H.C.R. for South Huron, will shortly visit officially the courts in his jurisdiction.

Bro. Aleck Saunders will represent Goderich, No. 32, Canadian Order of Foresters, at the meeting of the high court at Peterborough on the second Tuesday in June.

Rev. P. Owen-Jones will preach to the Foresters in St. George's church on Sunday, May 3rd, instead of next Sunday, as announced last week in order to avoid conflicting with the anniversary service of the Odd Fellows on that day.

Goderich Mechanics' Institute. Goderich, April 20, 1885.

A special meeting of the members of the Mechanics' Institute was held this evening, called for the purpose of considering the question of closing the reading room. Mr. Rice, president, took the chair, and explained the position of affairs, showing that in consequence of the refusal of the council to make the annual grant of \$100, the Board of Directors were unable to meet the requirements of the Government, and would not be in a position to secure the next grant of \$400.

The treasurer read a statement showing that the board wanted \$100 to spend for books, in order to qualify for making application for next grant of \$400.

Some of the members thought the reading room ought to be free to the public, and a fee of \$1 be charged for use of library as at present. After considerable discussion taken up in by Messrs. Muncey, Ball, W. R. Miller, Strang, A. Saunders, W. R. Robertson, Crab, Sharnan, Foot, Sloan, Colborne, Graham and others, the following resolution was made:

Moved by C. Crab, seconded by Mr. Foot, that we ask the town council to reconsider the application of the Institute for a grant of \$100.

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Reynolds, that a committee consisting of the president, treasurer, secretary and Messrs. Williams attend the council meeting in order to make any explanations needed.

Moved by W. R. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Moore that members be allowed only ten minutes time to read a paper after they have been notified that it is wanted.

The meeting then adjourned.

Shopperton. ON THE DEER.—Last Monday Capt. A. E. Bogie left to resume his command of his vessel, the *Belle Wilson*, for the season of 1885. She was laid up at Picton. During the winter he was welcomed at the homes of many friends, enjoying them with thrilling adventures on the blue waters, and at his home Cedar Cliff they met him on his return.

A Soldier's Man on the Manitoba Rebellion. Mr. James Crawford, of this town, has received a letter from his father, who formerly lived in 1866, but is now in Salisbury, Manitoba, in the course of which the old gentleman in unmistakable language puts the blame of the uprising upon the Dominion authorities. He says:—"The rebellion has been brought on through mismanagement of the Dominion officials in dealing with the half breeds and Indians in reference to their land, and other Government supplies. Many of the white settlers have also been badly treated when looking for titles to their homesteads, some of their homesteads being decided to Government favorites. But all these grievances do not make it justifiable to get up a rebellion and to take the lives of so many men as it were in cold blood. When or how this may end, it is hard to say. One thing I do know, it will cost the Dominion a large sum of money besides many precious lives, not counting the injury to the country by the hindrance of emigration, and putting a damper on business; for all of which I fear the Dominion Government is sadly to blame. Your brother John was instrumental in getting up a company of 50 volunteers in Neepawa, where they have been drilling. John was chosen captain. He started on this morning train (April 7th) for Winnipeg with 30 of his men, the balance to follow if required. As this season, there are some Indians scattered through this part of the country, but they profess to be friendly, and we will keep an eye on them. We have cause for thankfulness to the Lord for health and good weather."

J. G. CRAWFORD. Mr. John Crawford, son of the writer, of the above, and formerly of Goderich, appears to be very popular in his district.

Keep Off the Grass. GODERICH, April 23rd, 1885.

To the Editor of the Huron Signal. Sir.—It is a shame that the sod which so much to put down in the Court House Park last season, should be deliberately destroyed by persons making paths over it, instead of going on the gravel walks, or around by the sidewalk. As this season, particularly, it should not be trodden upon, yet, every moment of the day, persons may be seen going from one side of the square to the other, over the grass. I see the council is going to try to protect it with wire fences. This will be a most successful "fence" to put around it would be the strong arm of the law. We have a bylaw against what is above complained of, a town constable and a mayor, it is the duty of these officials to see that the law is observed, and that no person (be he whom he may) who is seen breaking the bylaw, be brought up before the mayor, and fined, and I think we would not need the wire fences, which will only be stepped over or knocked down. It is a shame that there are so many of our citizens, who have such little public spirit as to insist on not observing the bylaw which they must be all well aware, in seconding the efforts of our town officials to make the town attractive to summer visitors. Yours truly, C. SEAGER.

Leoburn. Miss Horton was the guest of Miss Helen Hillier, of Goderich, last week.

The sylvan forest of Rosewood farm ran merry with the laughter of many young folks gathered for a sawing bee last week. Over 30 words were cut. Our jovial friends, the community, with James Kennedy as mate, with the long saw, left the young sawyers far in the rear, in racing boats.

Mr. John Horton and J. G. Clinton attended the meeting of the Huron Scott Association in Clinton last week.

Kingsbridge. A CAUTION TO SCHOOL CHILDREN.—On the 21st inst., Jerry Dalton, eight years old, a son of Chas. Dalton, Ashfield, while playing with his school-mates on the school grounds, fractured his leg somewhat above the knee in a very unaccountable way. Indeed, the account given by each of the different boys who were near him at the time is so conflicting that it is impossible to know how the accident occurred. The boy was carried home and Dr. Cassidy sent for who, in his skillful and careful manner, set and bound the fractured limb. The poor little fellow stood the operation well, though the pain must have been necessary in doing so, and he is now as could be expected. Boys ought to reflect that there is a possibility of their getting hurt.—Con.

Fort Albert. Nelson Lizard left for Joliet, Ill., on Monday.

Jas. Finn is seriously ill. His friends are anxious that he should recover.

Geo. A. Hawkins is in the States after a three years sojourn in the States. There was no service held in Union church last Sunday, owing to the impassable state of the roads.

Personal.—Robt. McDonald cheered our village with his presence on Monday. He had goodbye to his many friends, previous to resuming his former position in Detroit.

HEAVY LOSS.—The spring freshets has done considerable damage to Mr. Macpherson's mill property. A large portion of the mill dam, being entirely swept away. The river is higher, at present, than it has been for years. The ice on the lake seems to be very slowly diminishing.

For several days our mail carrier is the only person who has ventured the roads to travel any distance, and even he seems to have had a hard time of it. He is very faithful in the discharge of his duty however, and on last Friday, left the village and foot it to Goderich, and carry the mail.

Obit.—It is our painful duty to chronicle the death of one of the oldest residents of this place. Mr. David McCannell died at his residence here, on Monday last, and was buried on Thursday, in the Dunganon cemetery. His funeral was one of the largest ever seen in this neighborhood.

COUNTY CURRENCY.

Items from all Parts of Huron got on the News Exchange.

August Homuth has purchased the farm of Peter Scott, con. 11, lot 29, Turnberry, containing 50 acres for the sum of \$1,850.

Mr. Pickard, of Walkerton, has had the misfortune to lose his whole stock of bees, comprising 60 hives. It is stated the severe winter proved too much for them.

It is currently reported that Mr. T. G. Jackson, a former merchant of Lower Wingham, is to occupy a prominent position in Riel's new Government for the North West Territories, and his son Wm. H. Jackson, is acting as Riel's secretary.

Rev. Chas. Teeter, who is at present supplying a vacancy for Rev. Mr. Dickson, has been transferred to the Manitoba conference. The transfer will not, however, take effect until June 8th. It is expected that the rev. gentleman will remain there until that time.

The Wingham *Times* says:—Messrs. Sid. Hall and Rich. Coak, "abuses" have the good fortune to capture a fine specimen of the American eagle on Monday evening in Mason's swamp, a short distance from the town. It measures 6 ft. 7 in. from tip to tip, and owing to their being scarce here it is quite a novelty.

MORE GOOD HULLLET COLTS.—Ruddle, of the 10th con., has a colt sired by "Boreland Chief" which is ten months old and weighs 1,000 pounds. He is the real model of a draught horse.

H. Snell sold his one year and ten months old colt, for \$400.—John Mason sold three entire colts, ranging two, for the sum of \$550. These colts were all sired by the same horse, "Boreland Chief." It is intended to travel this noble sire about the same place as last year. Good for Hulllet! What township can beat it for horse flesh?

AT REST.—On Wednesday morning last our citizens heard with feelings of regret and pain of the death of Mrs. Crowell Wilson, of Wingham, after several weeks illness, at the age of 73, which sad event took place at the family residence on Tuesday evening. The deceased lady was well known and highly esteemed by a large circle of friends here. The funeral took place at London. Mr. Wilson and family have the sincere sympathy of the public in their bereavement.—Times.

CLINTON STATISTICS.—The number of children in 1885 between 5 and 16 are 677; between 7 and 13—136; over 16—21—217, a slight increase over 1884. Value of real property in 1885, \$517,300, an increase of \$165,000 over last year, and which increase is owing to improvements. The value of personal property is \$30,456 as against \$28,650 last year. Income \$300 less this year. The total value of all property \$558,350 as against \$533,700 last year. Population 2668 as against 2659 last year. Dogs 79 as against 97 last year.

TWO YEARS IN A MAN'S HEAD.—A needle, which had been two years in a man's head, was brought all the way from Ireland, was extracted by one of our surgeons on Tuesday last. It was very much rusted, and had wandered about considerably, from the time it entered. An Irish doctor who had examined the head before the young man left the "ould sod" declared that it was not at all but an "idea" that had got into Pat's head. Pat declared that he never knew an "idea" to give him so much trouble and pain before, and if all the "ideas" were like that he wanted none of them. He lost the "idea" on Tuesday last, or at least his head did, for he went home with the "idea" carefully rolled up in a piece of paper in his vest pocket. He intends to send the "idea" back to the country it came from, as he says, "it is not his. It belongs to a sweet Irish girl."—Southport Sun.

PASSED AWAY.—Many of our readers will learn with regret of the death of Mr. Jas. Orr, one of the pioneers of this county. Mr. Orr died on the 7th inst., at his home, Salt Springs, Missouri. He was 73 years of age and had only been ill four days. He was one of the first settlers in the township of Grey, to which township he removed from the village of Ayr, in the county of Waterloo, where for many years, he carried on the shoemaking business. As continued this business after coming to this county and also engaged in farming. For several years he was postmaster at Morrisburg, north of Brussels. His sons having settled in Missouri, he, with the remainder of his family removed there about ten years ago, but, although he was, peculiarly, very comfortable there, he had been long a truly loyal Briton to like the American ways or to be satisfied with American institutions. In early life he enlisted as a soldier and served several years in the West Indies. He was a man of good ability, extensive knowledge, and his genial disposition and rare social qualities made him a most agreeable companion.

The village of Wroxeter was thrown into a state of excitement last week by the sudden and mysterious disappearance of a resident named Thos. McDonald. It appears he had been drinking during the day and late in the evening started for the residence of C. Wallis, on the Gorrie road, taking the beaten path up the mill pond on the snow covered ice. It is almost certain that he broke through the ice and was drowned as a man named Cows who lives on the bank of the river opposite Wallis says he was awakened in the night by distressing cries for help from the river, and on going to the door could get no answer to his call as to where the sufferer was. The river is partly open at this point and it is surmised the missing man staggered off the path and fell in when the swift current carried him under the ice. On Saturday a diligent search was made and considerable ice broken, but as the pond is full of brush and stumps it was felt that a successful search could not be made until the ice melts, so the attempt was abandoned for the present. This is the second case of drowning which has occurred here within a year, and the distressing circumstances which attended the latter should make all feel thankful that a more stringent law is about to come in to effect governing the liquor traffic.

Dunlop.

An architect is putting up a windmill, and will soon rival the Goderich Mill Parliament.

Miss E. Taylor, of Hensall, was the guest of Miss Morris, of Garbrad, last week.

BENMILLER. SCOTCH DEATH.—On Monday morning of last week Mr. Marjan, an elderly man who lives near Benmiller, started for the bush to chop wood. Not returning that night a search was instituted, and on Tuesday morning he was found in an almost unconscious state in a field by the path leading to the bush. He had been struck with paralysis, and had laid all Monday and all the night alone. The exposure is said to have hastened his death, for he departed this life at 11 o'clock on Tuesday night. He had two children married, and leaves a widow in poor health.

General Grant. NEW YORK, April 20.—Gen. Grant started for a drive at 2 o'clock. He walked down the steps unaided. As he crossed the flagging he bowed and smiled as a hundred hats were lifted by those who had assembled. The General was driven to Mount St. Vincent and around the waste side of the park and back to the house, having been out for 35 minutes. He left the carriage the first of the party, and walked firmly and unaided up the steps into the house.

NEW YORK, April 20.—General Grant is now considered by the physicians out of danger.

A \$7000 Biblical Reward. The publishers of *Kutledge's Monthly* offer twelve valuable rewards in their *Monthly* for May, among which is the following:—We will give \$700 to the person telling us how many verses there are, having two words each, in the New Testament Scriptures (not the Revised edition) by May 10th, 1885. Should two or more correct answers be received, the reward will be divided. The money will be forwarded to the winner May 15th, 1885. Persons trying for the reward must send 20 cents in silver or postal notes, (no postage stamps taken) with their answer, for which they will receive the *Monthly* for June, in which the name and address of the winner of the reward and the correct answer will be published, and in which several more valuable rewards will be offered. Address Rutledge Publishing Company, Boston, Penna.

NEVENS, a bagman on the G. T. R., borrowed money from his sweetheart at Durham, a Miss Margaret Cuff, on the strength that he would marry her. He then married another girl, and the one he had borrowed money from had Nevens arrested on a charge of obtaining money under pretences. Nevens has been sent to gaol for six months.

New Advertisements This Week. Tenders wanted.—John Torrance. For sale or to rent.—Mrs. Robt. Wilson. House for sale or to rent.—James Small.

Dentistry. M. NICHOLSON, D.D.S., SURGEON. Dentist. Office and residence, West street three doors below Bank of Montreal. Goderich. 1795

For Sale or to Let. HOUSE FOR SALE OR TO RENT.—The house for a number of years occupied by Mr. C. A. Hunter, for sale or to rent. Good orchard and garden. For particulars apply to JAMES SMALL. 1892-41.

FOR SALE OR TO RENT.—A NEAT frame cottage on Hinks street, with five rooms, kitchen, washroom and stone cellar, good water and stable. Two thirds of an acre of land adjoining. Apply to MISS ROBT. WILSON, Main street, or at his office, 92-41.

TO LET.—A COMFORTABLE HOUSE on South street containing six rooms, pantry and kitchen with hard and soft water. Apply to GEORGE McMAHON. 1892-41.

HOUSE AND TWO LOTS FOR RENT.—The house has three rooms; there is a good stable and well on the premises. Also a good young cow for sale. For particulars apply to MISS JOHN WILSON, dressmaker, over C. G. Newton's store, Goderich. 1892-41.

FARM TO LET.—FOR A TERM OF years, Lot 55 five, in the Maltoned concession of the Township of Goderich, apply by letter to J. S. LILKINS, Stratford. 1892-41.

The People's Column. APPOINTMENT.—A STUDENT of about 16 years of age, to learn the business. Apply to EDWARD SHARMAN, East street. 1892-41.

DRESSMAKING.—THE MISSSES of Goderich and vicinity, that they have ladies of dress and mantle making rooms over Mr. George Acheon's store, and will be pleased to fill all orders in the most satisfactory manner. MISS ELLERIE. 1892-41.

TENDERS WANTED.—TENDERS will be received up to the 15th of May, 1885, for the erection of a new frame church, to replace the building known as Bethany church, recently destroyed by fire. Plans and specifications can be seen at Buchanan, April 28th, to May 7th, and at James Thompson's, from May 7th, to May 15th. All tenders should be addressed to JOHN TORR