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COUNTY NEWS.

INTERESTING LETTERS FROM OUR STAFF OF CORRESPONDENTS.

A Budget of News and Gossip.—Personal Intelligence.—A Little of Everything well Mixed up.

FORFAR.

MONDAY, July 26.—Farmers are busy cutting hay and fall grain now.

W. A. Ackland was out to Athens last week.

A small war occurred at the cheese factory lately, but luckily no one was killed.

Mrs. Jas. Ackland is convalescent.

Mrs. D. Adrain is dangerously ill.

A number from here attended church at Portland on Sunday evening.

DELTA.

MONDAY, July 18.—Dr. Harry Denaut has completed a successful course at the Kingston Medical College and has gone to Mishawaka, Indiana, where he intends to locate. We wish him good success.

Delabert Jackson, the enterprising livery man, purchased a commercial wagon from Alex. Stevens last week. He is proud of its beauty.

S. M. Ransom shipped a car of 56 hogs to Montreal. They were troubled with a runaway hog before shipment, and could not find it though they searched for three hours.

John Paul and F. W. Singleton are practicing with their violins. They seem to be great musicians.

The farmers have begun haying. The hay in this section is a heavier crop than for years.

Messrs. Halladay & Son have completed their new yacht, which they call "The Ocean, of Delta." It was launched last Tuesday morning, and took the people from here to Lyndhurst where the Orange celebration was held.

Rumor says that Fred Broomer has bought out the bakery in Newboro, now occupied by Charles Wells. Fred ought to get a wife from the North West. Charles intends to buy the bakery in Westport.

William Church, who has been with his relatives for 3 years, goes to Ottawa this week where he intends to work as bookkeeper. We wish him good success in the future.

Miss Church, the daughter of Wm. Church, of Lansdowne, passed away last week. The cause was consumption. Last winter he lost another daughter of the same disease.

Mr. Edgar Horton, an employee of the Singer Sewing Machine Co., of Kingston, was spending a day with his friends here last week.

W. H. Pense, of Kingston, has opened a watch business at W. R. Singleton's Hardware store.

Mrs. Caroline Denaut visited her relatives in Brockville last week.

THE PRAIRIE PROVINCE.

An Interesting Letter on the Condition of Manitoba.

Deloraine, July 12th.

Editor Reporter:—

SIR,—In my last letter to your paper I told your readers I would, after getting better acquainted, give them some more about the Prairie Province of Manitoba. Well, as I have had three months of experience I know something more of it. This year is claimed to be an exception all through. It has been more backward than other years. Most people think it more forward here than in Eastern Ontario, but we find this year that we, in Southern Manitoba, are at least two weeks behind you. Our wheat on the 12th just commencing to head out—the earliest. There is wheat that will not be headed out till first of August. Manitoba's wheat crop will not be so favorable as last, on account of poor seed being sown. Unfortunately, there was at least one-third of the crop that was not threshed until this spring, and most of it proved to be damaged to a great extent. In districts where such seeds was sown it is proving to be a sad failure.

A great many farmers here summer fallow nearly one third of their acreage, and in many cases they have had to plough it up again this year, which is quite a loss, as in ordinary years such land will turn out from 30 to 50 bush. of wheat per acre. Some here have ploughed up 150 acres that was well worked last year. While you are having too much rain, we are having just about enough. There is one big mistake made in Manitoba. They cultivate more land than they can take care of. In the fall a great many are scarce for store room. I have seen millions of bushels of grain dumped out on the open prairie for want of room. Then, some have sod granaries with sod roofs. They frequently leak, and sometimes destroy thousands of bushels of grain; but those farmers that have made provision to store their grain and get it harvested and threshed in time, are making money. They go into raising wheat so extensively that they hardly leave enough room for their good wives to plant a garden. We have got to mix our farming here, especially raise more pork, which can be fattened at a good profit any year, as there are sure to be farmers here that will be so far behind the season that their grain will be frozen and will have to be sold cheap, but makes first class hog feed. Then we can raise barley so much easier. It is not considered a good crop here unless you can get from 60 to 75 bus. an acre, and sometimes as high as 110 bus. to the acre. The land around here is being bought up very fast. There is scarcely any free grant lands now in this province. I would not advise any one to take it, as it would be quite a piece from railroad. You can get just as good land as ever laid out of doors from C. P. R. for from $3 to $5 an acre. You only have to pay one tenth down, the rest in 9 yearly payments at six per cent interest, which makes cheap farms and good homes. Of course I am not writing this letter in the interest of any railroad or company, but as I am frequently getting letters asking about the country, this is a good way to answer all.

Now I will give you a short notice of how we spend our holidays here. The first of July was well observed in all quarters. There was in in our settlement a Sunday school picnic where everybody seemed to enjoy themselves. The sports were ball playing, running, jumping and all other games. Our intellectual part I think would compare favorably with Ontario. They began to arrive on the open prairie early in the morning with just as nice ox teams and waggons and just as fine phaetons as you will find in Athens. Those that came with the oxen were just as happy looking as any. One feature in the program was the singing of two pieces by two French ladies. One could not speak English, but it was very nice and well received.

We have no Indians here to speak of. Those in this country are a very filthy lot of creatures. Their main living comes from the squaws going to people's swill barrels and getting pieces of bread and bones. Then they go to the slaughter houses and take the refuse from them. Their best dish consists of a good fat dog or skunk.

I was over in Wakata on fourth of July. In that place they have prohibition. Now, if the people in Ontario could see its complete working in a new country like that they would change their mind about its success. Out of the large crowd I did not see one man that showed any signs of liquor. There seems to be more push over there than in this country. The buggies that were there that day would compare with Unionville fair. Mostly every buggy has a top, and the place is only settled about ten years. I had a special invitation from the Waskeda Brass Band that belonged 24 miles from here to go out with them, and they provided me with a horn (that is, a brass horn) and I accompanied them. I would say to our old band boys of Athens that it brought back a great many pleasant recollections.

The educational system of this province is well looked after. The government are very liberal with their grants. They assist every section to build its school house. They are nearly all uniform in the villages. They take a great interest in Deloraine and are taking steps this summer to build a six thousand dollar school house. They are very particular about their teachers, but pay liberal salaries. I could have gotten a school for Blake at six hundred if he had been at liberty. The great drawback at present is that the rural sections have to close their schools in the winter months; but as the country gets settled that will be done away with.

A great many of Ontario people imagine that Manitoba has to be assisted by them to carry on their church work. Now, if they were to see the financial report of this circuit they would change their minds. We have men on this circuit that pays as much as much as your three best men, and they are not so wealthy, either. They pay the Methodist minister a larger salary on this circuit than you do in Athens. It is not uncommon for some families to give $100 for church purposes each year. Churches are not plentiful here yet, but will be some day. People coming to this country will find every advantage in schools and divine worship that they leave in Ontario.

The prairie at present is just a beautiful flower garden—all kinds and colors of flowers—hundreds of varieties you never heard of in Ontario.

We are on the eve of a general election. It is warming up in this part. They are taking a plebiscite for prohibition for the province. It will carry by a large vote. The government have done away with separate schools, so now the loyal Orange brethren and Roman Catholic brethren think they will upset the government. It seems to be about the same here as in Ontario. They will sacrifice everything for party. But I think Greenway will be master yet.

Now, there is plenty more I would like to write but this will take up as much space, perhaps, as you would like to spare for this time.

Later I will write you again, wishing your people a prosperous year, I remain, yours, &c.,

MACK HALLADAY.

LETTER FROM INDIANA.

A. E. Barber, M. D., Writes of His New Home in the West.

Mishawaka, Ind., July 15, 1892.

Editor Athens Reporter:

DEAR SIR,—I received your paper this morning and I assure you it was a welcome visitor; in fact, it seemed like having a talk with an old acquaintance.

I thought probably a description of the state in which I as well as several other Canadian, M. D.'s have located (through the generous influence of Dr. J. B. Greene) might be in place.

Indiana, or the "Hoosier" State, as it is called, claims one of the richest sections of country in the Union, and on my arrival some two months ago was very picturesque indeed, with its hills and valleys clad in the greenest of Nature's green; but now the golden crown appears, and acre upon acre of wheat may be seen either taken care of or ready for the harvester; in short, it is a rich agricultural district. It is also one of the most important manufacturing states, and this (St. Joseph) county the largest manufacturing centre in the State. Among the manufactures might be mentioned Studebaker's Wagon Works, Oliver's Plow Works, (each the largest in the world), the woolen mills, the Felt Boot Factory, Perkin's Windmill Factory, and numerous others.

I shall now speak particularly of the town in which I am located. Mishawaka, with a population of about five thousand, is situated on either side of the river St. Joseph, is connected with South Bend (a city of 26,000) by Electric Car Line, a distance of four miles. It is very prettily laid out, with its wide streets, on either side of which are costly and tastily built dwellings, fronted by deep lawns and without fences. Just outside of the lawns, smooth and level sidewalks of cement are laid, and outside of the walks are pretty parks with fine old maple shade trees. The lawns and parks are kept neatly trimmed. On the highest bank of the river there is a public park, with handsome laid out walks and drives, and old oak trees. In that park is placed the soldier's monument. We have the electric light system, and as fine water works accommodation as any town in the state.

In your issue of the 12th, you mentioned the names of three Canadian M.D.'s who have sought homes in the States. We are surrounded by Canadian friends of my profession, brought here through the influence of one of the best surgeons, in his specialty, in the U. S. I refer to Dr. Greene, who is indeed a friend to all young and qualified physicians. The following are the names of some of the young men whom he has located, together with their address: Dr. T. P. Cameron, from Maples, is now located in Chicago. He spent 18 months in the office with Dr. Greene before he removed to the "Windy City." Dr. S. G. Todd from Kingston, now at Woodland, Ind.; Dr. H. F. Mitchell, from Kingston, now at Lakeville, Ind.; Dr. C. F. Mitchell, from Kingston, now at South Bend, Ind.; Dr. E. J. Lent, from Picton, now at South Bend, Ind.; Dr. W. F. Wood from Madoc, now at Mishawaka, Ind.; Dr. Thos. Noble, from Toronto, now at Harvey, Ill., and myself, located here. Dr. H. D. Denaut, from Delta, is here but not yet located. You may think it strange that so many young men of the medical profession should leave the country of their birth and emigrate to the U. S. for the purpose of practicing their profession. The reason is easily known, when you think of the manner that the laws of Canada oppress the young and poor beginner in the medical practice. After a preliminary examination we are, if we pass that examination, admitted to matriculate in one or other of the legally chartered medical schools. After an expensive and hard course of study, covering a term of four years, we are permitted to try the final or graduation. If we pass that, we are given the degree of M. D. It would seem that we had then a full right to practice in our own land, but no, we must raise nearly another two hundred dollars, and give it to the Ontario Council, and pass (if possible), that examination. If we fail to pass, we are out of that amount, and must either move out of the Province, give up the idea of practice, or wait another year and at an additional expense of ten dollars again try the examination before the Council. I would ask "where does this money go?" The government surely gets none of it, and it must be paid to members of the Council who are fortunate enough to get to be an examiner. Is it not a folly for a man to feel proud of a degree granted by a respectable medical college of Canada, chartered by the government, when that government will not recognize said degree, but will recognize a license given by a board of examiners composed of the very men who have been teaching in the colleges, and who are responsible for the qualifications of any man that is dubbed M.D. Here all practioners must be graduates of a reputable medical college, legally chartered by its state or country, that is all,—and I think that we can show as many able and eminent men here, as can be found anywhere. I think I am safe in saying that I have found a good home, with warm friends and bright prospects. Hoping to receive my weekly Canadian visitor regularly, I am, yours truly,

A. E. BARBER, M. D.

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