



CARD OF THANKS.

I, THE undersigned, take great pleasure in thanking the people of Atwood and surrounding country for the good patronage they have given me, and hereby ask a renewal of my old customers, and to those who have not as yet had any dealings with me or made the acquaintance I ask the first time you come to town to give me a call and get acquainted. Once deal with me and you will not leave me. Taking this opportunity of wishing you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year, hoping that I will have the pleasure of meeting most of you in 1891, I remain, yours most respectfully,

J. H. GUNTHER,
Watch Specialist,
Goldsmith's Hall,
Main St., Listowel.
Two Doors East of Post Office.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

SOUTHERN EXTENSION W. G. & B.

Trains leave Atwood Station, North and South as follows:

GOING SOUTH.	GOING NORTH.
Express 7:21 a.m.	Mixed 8:07 a.m.
Express 12:24 p.m.	Express 2:34 p.m.
Mixed 10:50 a.m.	Express 9:12 p.m.

ATWOOD STAGE ROUTE.

Stage leaves Atwood North and South as follows:

GOING SOUTH.	GOING NORTH.
Atwood 8:00 a.m.	Mitchell 2:30 p.m.
Newry 8:05 a.m.	Burnham 3:30 p.m.
Monkton 9:00 a.m.	Mankton 4:45 p.m.
Burnham 10:15 a.m.	Newry 5:55 p.m.
Mitchell 11:15 p.m.	Atwood 6:00 p.m.

Town Talk.

1891.
JANUARY.

SCHOOL commences next Monday.

Now is the time to make your good resolutions.

YESTERDAY (Thursday) was the first day of the New Year.

We regret that Miss M. Hawkshaw is ill with la grippe this week. We hope to see her around again shortly, however.

A MEETING of the children and others interested in the formation of a Children's Mission Band will be held in the Methodist church this (Friday) evening, at 7 o'clock. Let there be a full attendance of the parents and children especially.

LONDON Free Press:—"The people of Teeswater expressed their appreciation of T. A. Reid's services as principal of the public school by presenting him with a gold-headed cane and an address." W. G. Morrison, Newry, is Mr. Reid's successor.

It is stated on the highest authority that Mrs. Birchall is engaged to be married to Arthur Leatham, of Montreal, her late husband's college chum. It is added on the same authority that the marriage will occur soon and be made as private as possible.

PURSE LOST.—A leather purse, containing a sum of money, return ticket from Goderich to Listowel, a check for a valise, jack knife, etc., lost somewhere between the station and James Steven's residence, Atwood. Finder will be rewarded by leaving the same at this office or with Mr. Steven.

A COPY of the first Christmas edition of the Leamington Post is to hand. The number is artistically gotten up, and not only gives evidence of the enterprise of the publishers, but in the substantial assistance given them by the Town Council gives evidence of the hearty appreciation of their local paper held by the people of Leamington.

THE Bayfield correspondent to the Iluron Expositor says:—"On Wednesday 17th ult., after the regular prayer meeting the Rev. Mr. Henderson, pastor of St. Andrew's church, was presented with a handsome fur coat. Charles Gardiner presented it, and Donald McKenzie read a kindly worded address. Mr. Henderson was completely taken by surprise, but made a neat speech thanking his friends for their kind donation.

CHURCH CHIMES.—The Methodist pulpit was filled acceptably last Sabbath morning by J. H. McBain, student of Victoria University, Cobourg.—Rev. Mr. Scott, a young student of Knox College, Toronto, and brother to Mrs. Calder, this village, preached in the Presbyterian church Sunday morning and evening and at Monkton in the afternoon. He is an earnest and thoughtful young man and his discourses were appreciated.—There was no service in the Methodist church Sunday evening owing to the pastor and his family being away at Belmore visiting Mrs. Rogers' people.

NEXT Monday is election day.

A LOAD of young people drove to Listowel Monday evening to spend a few hours on the skating rink.

THE annual meeting of the Elma Cheese Co. will be held in their factory on Saturday, Jan. 10th, 1891, at 1 o'clock p.m., to receive the financial statement, election of Directors, etc.

THE annual meeting of the Elma Agricultural Society will be held in their hall, Atwood, on Thursday, Jan. 8th, 1891, at 2 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the auditor's report, electing officers for the ensuing year, and transacting any other business that may come before the meeting. All interested are invited to attend.

A. F. & A. M.—The following were installed officers of Bernard Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Listowel, on Saturday evening last:

Bro. Jas. Irwin, W. M.
" J. C. Burt, S. W.
" J. J. Foster, J. W.
" M. McD. Fleming, Sec'y.
" Jacob Heppler, Treas.
" W. D. Gray, S. D.
" Jas. Longmire, J. D.
" C. Zilliox, S. S.
" A. St. G. Hawkins, J. S.
" B. F. Brook, I. G.
" J. Seaburger, Tyler.
" D. D. Campbell, D. of C.

THE Toronto Christian Guardian issued an excellent Christmas number. The Guardian is a good family paper.

A DEFECT in public school teaching is the failure to practice pupils in the reading of handwriting. They are taught to read print from the first day in school until the last, but little or no attention is given to the reading of written matter other than what they have written themselves. Script reading is an accomplishment necessary in many occupations, and it is one in which the average school boy or school girl is particularly deficient. The boys who go into stores, printing offices, telegraph offices, and offices of professional men have much greater value when they can read ordinary handwriting at a glance. It is an art acquired by practice, it is true, but the practice should be begun and pursued all through the public school course. It is quite as practical as any study that can be named. A youngster who can read off-hand the most of the manuscript met with in a lawyer's office or an editor's office is a jewel and worth twenty who are only educated in their legs and can "run errands" speedily. It would be an excellent exercise and no little fun if teachers would occasionally bring in a bundle of business men's script and set the children to puzzle it out. This is just what they will be called upon to do a little later on when they are fitting into the world to fight for a living.

PERSONALS.—Miss Annie Erskine, of Monkton, spent New Year's day with Miss Jennie Harvey.—Mrs. Gomer Green, of Innerkip, is visiting in the village.—Mr. Jamieson and Mr. Hay, of Listowel, were in the village Sunday.—The Misses Eason and McKnight, of Stratford, are the guests of the Misses Dann.—Miss Addie Robertson, teacher of Bridgeport, is home for her Christmas holidays. She has been engaged to teach in the same school for 1891.—Miss Austin, of the Berlin Model, spent several days with friends in this locality last week.—T. G. Ratcliffe, teacher, Denegal, took the Saturday evening train for Ethel, where he will visit his mother for a few days.—Miss Etie Fox is home after a long absence in Virden, Man., and Cherokee, Iowa, looking well.—John R. Clark, of St. Paul, Minn., and Robt. Hamilton, of Duluth, Minn., arrived home Saturday evening after an absence of nearly a year. The boys have done exceedingly well in the West and are altogether highly pleased with the course of a few weeks we understand.—Mrs. Gibson, of Kingston, formerly of Elma, was visiting Mrs. W. D. Mitchell last Sunday.—Miss Reid, of Millbank, is the guest of the Misses Robertson this week.—Mr. Myers, of the Stratford Herald staff, is visiting friends in this locality.—Miss Bertie Pelton, of Listowel, spent several days with Miss Lizzie Switzer last week.—Misses Minnie Pelton and Lizzie Switzer are spending a few days with relatives and friends in Wingham.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE.—The first session of the North Perth Farmers' Institute will be held in the Town Hall, Listowel, on Friday, Jan. 9th, 1891, commencing at 10:30 o'clock a.m. The following program will be followed:—"Horses and horse markets," Prof. F. C. Greenside, V. S.; "Fattening of cattle for beef," W. S. Barnett; "Dairying from a farmer's standpoint," R. Cleland; "The dairy cow," T. Raynor, B. S. A.; "Frauds and humbugs in horticulture, to be avoided by farmers," T. H. Race; "Breeding and feeding of pigs," R. Henderson; "Gristing and exchange," Mr. Pfeiffer. The second session at 7 p.m., at same place. Program: "Education of farmers' sons," T. Raynor, B. S. A.; "Education of the horse," F. C. Greenside, V. S.; "The farmer's fruit garden," T. H. Race; "Foul brood among bees," John Frith. In addition to the above a discussion on "Ensilage and silos" will be participated in by speakers present. The third session will be held in Hasenpflug's Hall, Milverton, at 10 a.m., on Saturday, Jan. 10th, 1891. Program as follows: "The preservation of the horse's foot," F. C. Greenside, V. S.; "Breeding and feeding beef cattle for export," W. S. Barnett; "Leakages on the farm," T. Raynor, B. S. A.; "The cheese factory and its surroundings," R. Cleland; "Varieties of apples to plant," T. H. Race; "Breeding and feeding of pigs for profit," R. Henderson. Discussion on these subjects will follow as far as time will allow. These addresses and discussions will be of absorbing practical interest. The visitors are men of known ability, well versed in their specialties, and their ideas will bring a cash return if put into practice. Every progressive farmer within reach will make it a point to be present from first to last. Let us have a rousing meeting.

We regret to learn that Jas. Longmire is laid up with a severe attack of lumbago.

THE act passed by the Ontario Legislature last session, abolishing certain exemptions from taxation, went into force Jan. 1, 1891. This year, therefore, the salaries of ministers of religion and their dwellings will be liable to assessment for all purposes in the same manner as the incomes and dwellings of other persons. Hitherto the salary of a minister has been exempt to the extent of \$1,000, and his residence to the extent of \$2,000.

REV. E. ST. YATES left for Detroit to consult an optician with regard to his eyesight. For several years he has been troubled with near sightedness and of late it has been very difficult for him to read or discern an object at short distance with powerful glasses, and hence he deemed it advisable to consult a specialist. We sincerely hope that the consultation will result in restoring to him the most dearly prized of all faculties—the sight.

THE fact is not so well known as it deserves to be that cream constitutes an admirable nutriment for invalids. It is superior to butter, containing more volatile oils. Persons predisposed to consumption, aged persons, or those inclined to cold extremities and feeble digestion are especially benefited by a liberal use of sweet cream. It is far better than cod liver oil, and besides being excellent for medical properties it is a highly nutritious food.

MOSES OATES, the weather prophet, says that it will be so warm towards the latter part of February that the moths will fly. The latter part of March will be rather cold. The above weather will eventuate provided it is cold from Jan. 20th to Feb. 20th. The Northwest will have a remarkable warm winter, and it will be decidedly warm in the Western States, but cold weather will be experienced on the Pacific Slope. Western Ontario will be warm on the average, with heavy precipitations of snow.

THE annual meeting of S.S. No. 10 was held in the school house, Atwood, on Wednesday of this week. The auditor's statement showed receipts of \$2,418.19 and expenditure of \$2,401.78. The unusually large expenses are accounted for by the fact of a new school being built during the past year. R. Parker, whose term of office had expired, was re-elected trustee, and J. W. McBain auditor. A vote of thanks was tendered the trustees as a body, for the efficient manner in which the school affairs had been looked after for the past year.

DIVINE service was held in St. Alban's church on Christmas morning. The service was the usual morning service with Litany. The incumbent gave a very instructive and interesting discourse, basing his remarks on the words of the Prophet Isaiah, "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light." The church was very tastefully decorated with evergreens and artificial flowers. Miss Parsons presided at the organ, and the music was not the least pleasing feature of the service. The offertory, as is customary in the Church of England, was a Christmas present to the incumbent.

THE Toronto Empire issued an anniversary number, containing 28 pages of interesting and instructive reading. To give our readers an accurate conception of this great feat of Canadian daily journalism we quote the following facts from the editorial announcement it contained:—"There are in this paper more than 412 separate advertisements covering 52,000 nonpareil lines, over 200 columns, nearly 34 pages of space. These advertisements if strung out in a line of single columns would reach 366 feet. There are printed of this paper 35,000 copies. The weight of the paper used was nine and one-half tons. The copies, if laid in a pile folded as they come from the press, would reach half a mile high and 276 feet beyond. If laid in a continuous string, page by page, they would reach nearly 255 miles, or as far as from Toronto past Lake Nipissing to Lake Temiskamingue; or from Toronto in an air line to fifty miles beyond Detroit." We congratulate the enterprising publishers of Canada's leading Conservative daily on the success of this journalistic undertaking, and the past three years of its steady, uninterrupted progress, surrounded by old established and formidable rivals, bespeaks still greater things for the future.

ALTAR.

CLELAND-NEWBIDDING.—At the residence of the bride's father, 16th con., Elma, on Christmas Day, by the Rev. A. Henderson, M. A., Robert Cleland, jr., to Miss Christina Newbidding, daughter of Mr. James Newbidding.

SHEARER-NEWBIDDING.—At the residence of the bride's father, 16th con., Elma, on Christmas Day, by the Rev. A. Henderson, M. A., James Shearer, of Toronto, to Miss Jennie Newbidding, daughter of Mr. James Newbidding.

VALLANCE-DUNCAN.—In Elma, on Wednesday, Dec. 31, 1890, at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. A. Henderson, M. A., Mr. John Vallance, jr., to Miss Ella M., youngest daughter of Mr. James Duncan, all of Elma.

Atwood Market.	
Fall Wheat.....	80 85
Spring Wheat.....	80 82
Barley.....	35 42
Oats.....	38 39
Peas.....	57 58
Pork.....	5 00 5 20
Hides per lb.....	3 25
Sheep skins, each.....	50 80
Wood 2 ft.....	1 15 1 50
Potatoes per bag.....	40 45
Butter per lb.....	14 15
Eggs per doz.....	18 20

Business Directory.

MEDICAL.

J. R. HAMILTON, M. D., C. M.,
Graduate of McGill University, Montreal. Member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Ontario. Office—Opposite THE BEE office. Residence—Queen street; night messages to be left at residence.

L. E. RICE, M. D., C. M.,
Trinity University, Toronto: Fellow by examination of Trinity Medical College, Toronto; member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Ontario; member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Michigan; special attention given to the Diseases of Women and Children. Office and residence, next door to Mader's store, Atwood. Office hours: 10 to 12 a.m.; 1 to 2:30 p.m., and every evening to 8:30.

LEGAL.

W. M. SINCLAIR,
Solicitor, Conveyancer, Notary Public &c. Private funds to loan at lowest rates. Collections promptly attended to. Office—Loefer's Hotel, Atwood. Every Wednesday at 12:24 p.m., and remain until the 9:12 p.m. train.

DENTAL.

J. J. FOSTER, L. D. S.,
Is using an improved Electric Vibrator, Vitalized Air, or Gas, for the painless extracting of teeth. Satisfaction guaranteed. Office—In block south side of Main street bridge, Listowel.

W. M. BRUCE, L. D. S., DENTIST,
Is extracting teeth daily without pain through the aid of "The Electric Vibrator." The most satisfactory results are attained by the use of this wonderful instrument, for which he holds the exclusive right. References, &c., may be seen at his dental apartments, over Thompson Bros' store. Entrance, Main St., Listowel.

AUCTIONEERS.

C. H. MERYFIELD,
Licensed auctioneer for the County of Perth, Monkton, Ont. Rates moderate. For particulars apply at this office.

ALEX. MORRISON,
Licensed Auctioneer for Perth County. All sales attended to promptly and at moderate rates. Information with regard to dates may be had by applying at this office.

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NOTICE.—All accounts contracted with the firm of R. Brooks & Co. must be settled on or before Jan. 1, 1891, otherwise they will be put into Court for collection.

JOHN ROGERS.

BERKSHIRE BOAR

FOR SERVICE.

The undersigned has a Thoroughbred Berkshire Boar for service, on

LOT 29, CON. 14, GREY.

TERMS.—\$1, to be paid at time of service with privilege of returning.

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NORTH PERTH

Farmers' Institute!

Winter Meetings will be held in the Town Hall, Listowel, at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., on

Friday, Jan. 9th, 1891,

And at Milverton, at Hasenpflug's Hall, at 10 a.m., on

Saturday, Jan. 10th, 1891.

The speakers will be Prof. F. C. Greenside, V. S. O., A. C.; T. Raynor, R. S. A.; T. H. Race, R. Cleland, W. S. Burnett, R. Henderson and others, on subjects of absorbing interest. Secure a program.

JAS. DICKSON, JR., W. KEITH,
President. Secretary.

TOWNSHIP OF ELMA

Municipal Election.

The Municipal Electors of Elma are hereby notified, 1st, that the meeting for the Nomination of Candidates for the offices of Reeve, 1st and 2nd Deputy-Reeves and Two Councillors for the Township of Elma, for the year 1891, will be held in the

TOWN HALL ATWOOD,

At 12 o'clock, Noon, on

MONDAY, DEC. 29, 1890.

2nd, That should more than the necessary number of Candidates be nominated, the proceedings will be adjourned until

MONDAY, JANUARY 5TH, 1891,

When Polls will be opened in each Electoral Division of the Township, at the hour of 9 o'clock in the morning, and shall continue open until 5 o'clock in the afternoon and no longer.

3rd, That the Polling Places and Returning Officers in each Electoral Division are as follows:

Electoral Div. No. 1.—Cosens' Workshop, Trowbridge, C. Cosens, Returning Officer.

Electoral Div. No. 2.—Grange Hall, lot 15, con. 4, Wm. Shearer, Returning Officer.

Electoral Div. No. 3.—Orange Hall, Britton, Wm. Stevenson, Returning Officer.

Electoral Div. No. 4.—Orange Hall, Newry, T. Fullarton, Returning Officer.

Electoral Div. No. 5.—Orange Hall, Donegal, James Dickson, Returning Officer.

Electoral Div. No. 6.—Davies' School House, J. B. Hammond, Returning Officer.

Electoral Div. No. 7.—Lambert's School House, F. Doering, Returning Officer.

THOS. FULLARTON, Clerk.
Elma, Dec. 16, 1890