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Huron County Notes.

Love eats axle-grease and calls it butter.
 White out shooting partridge Jno. G. Edgar, of Gorrie, came across a large lynx.
 There is lots of beauty in the homely girl who sits still and looks appreciative.
 The Westfield annual tea meeting was a success as usual, proceeds amounting to \$100.
 Rev. I. B. Wallwin, of Bluevale, is attending a course of lectures at Cobourg College.
 An effort is being made in Wingham to organize a branch of the Knights of Pythias.
 Dr. Macdonald, M. P., has an unlucky leg. Three times has he had his left limb broken.
 Miss Watson, of Colborne, is engaged as teacher in S. S. No. 10, East Wawaosah, for next year.
 S. B. Maginn, of Elhel, has an onion grown from the seed that measured 10 1/2 inches in circumference.
 Robt. Yoe, jr., has rented Geo. Casemore's farm, near Bluevale, for a term of six years at \$230 a year.
 J. W. Green, late of Warton, has been offered inducements to start a paper at Gorrie, he having been in business there at one time.
 D. C. Dorraane, teacher of Centralia, has been engaged to take charge of S. S. No. 3, of the township of Hibbert, for the year 1892.
 B. Sutton, train despatcher at the G. T. E. Wingham, is away on a ten days' holiday tour to Chicago, Toronto and several other points.
 A 314 pound squash was one of the attractions of R. McLean's butcher shop, Goderich, last week. It was raised by Mr. Warnock.
 Fitzalan Sprung has sold his farm of 55 acres, on the base line, Goderich township, to John Sheppard, his neighbor, for the sum of \$1,000.
 Miss Mary Mandson, who is at present attending the Normal school, has been engaged as teacher for next year in School Section No. 12, McKillop.
 A very promising lodge in connection with the Order of Sons of Scotland was instituted in Seaforth on Thursday evening, Oct. 15, by Mr. Nimmo, Toronto.
 R. H. Muldrew, of Egmondville, has been re-engaged as teacher in section 5, Tuckersmith, at an increase of \$15 in his salary. He will receive for next year \$350.
 A feature of the Clinton show was the exhibition of over 300 fine horses. The one-man judge system gave much satisfaction both to the directors and the exhibitors.
 Mr. Johnston, a teacher of Hay township, and organizer for the Patrons of Industry, has succeeded in organizing a lodge in the village of Cromarty, of upwards of 50 members.
 Thomas Thompson, who recently had the Brussels stage, has purchased the Commercial and Queen's busses, Seaforth, and will, hereafter, run a Union Bus to all the hotels in that town.
 The County Council has appointed W. Lane, Clerk of the township of Ashfield, County Clerk, to succeed the late Peter Adamson, at a salary of \$600 a year, being \$400 less than the late incumbent.
 Miss Janet Scott and Miss Sarahel McLean are attending the Provincial Convention of the Christian Endeavor Association, at Peterboro' this week, as representatives of the Seaforth Association.
 On the 16th inst., William Hingston, second son of the late W. G. Hingston, died after an illness of six or eight months, at Belvoir, Missouri, of a complication of diseases. He left Morris township about 27 or 28 years ago.
 Wilfred Laurier, leader of the Reform party, having promised to visit London and Port Elgin some time in December, has also consented, conditionally, to give an address in Clinton at about the same time. The exact date has not yet been fixed.
 On Tuesday evening last the chimes of the Trivitt Memorial church were rung on the occasion of the marriage of Victor McEvoy, of Kincaidine, to Miss Amelia Sanders, daughter of Mrs. T. Snell, of Exeter. The Rev. S. F. Robinson, rector, officiated.
 A farmer living less than five miles from Wingham got lost in his bush one evening recently, and being unable to find his way out he lay down on a brush heap and went to sleep. During the night there was a heavy shower of rain, but the old chap slept through it, when he awoke in the morning he said he thought his wife had been pulling all the bed clothes off him. He does not appear much the worse for his lying out.
 One of the oldest settlers of the county of Huron has passed away in the person of Francis Laura Montcastle, who died at her residence in Clinton. Deceased was the widow of the late Sidney Harman Montcastle, whose name was reversed throughout the county of Huron as a true patriot and one of the most honorable and upright of men. She was the third daughter of James Meikie, of Her Majesty's Ordinance Department, London, England, and sister to the late Mrs. Howard, of High Park, Toronto. Mrs. Montcastle was born on the 28th of January, 1804, in London, England, and educated in all the accomplishments of her day.

Perth County Notes.

Three carloads of apples have already been shipped from the Mitchell station this fall.
 Wm. Greenwood and Robt. Keyes, of Logan, intend shortly moving into Mitchell.
 Valentine Allendorfa, of Gadshill, attempted to commit suicide on Thursday night of last week.
 Chas. Abraham, late of the Beacon, is now on the staff of the Woodstock Sentinel-Review.
 Miss Dora Switzer, daughter of Wm Switzer, 3rd line Blanshard, died on the 15th inst., of typhoid fever.
 Miss Walker has been engaged by the trustees of Dinsmore's school, in Blanshard, as teacher for 1892.
 Richard Hern, a respected resident of Downie, passed away on Tuesday of last week at the ripe age of 80 years.
 Michael Kastner, who at one time kept hotel in Mitchell, died at his residence in Detroit one day recently in his 42nd year.
 Cedar Grove factory (Gowanstown) August make cheese was shipped on Saturday, Oct. 17. There were 176 cheese for that month.
 Jos. Greer, teacher S. S. No. 1, Wallace, resigned his position. He intends pursuing his studies at the Listowel High school after New Year's.
 The Orangemen intend celebrating the anniversary of Gunpowder Plot this year by an oyster supper at Hart's hotel, Mitchell, on the evening of Nov. 5th.
 The largest turnip of the season came into Mitchell on Wednesday of last week from Logan. It is of the Grey-stone variety, was grown by John Laybourne, and weighs 33 pounds.
 The two-legged colt of Geo. Grafton, on the 8th con. of Blanshard, purchased it is said at \$250, the eighth wonder of the world, has recently died. It appears that it was overfed with green apples.
 The Stratford Collegiate Institute loses Miss Gertrude Lawlor, teacher of English subjects, who has been appointed to a similar department in the New Harbord street institute, Toronto, at the handsome salary of \$1,500.
 John Howard, secretary of the St. Marys lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, received from the Grand Recorder a cheque for \$2,000 in payment of the policy on the life of the late James Trinaman, who was a member of the St. Marys lodge of that order.
 Geo. Eckert, of Fullarton, has purchased lot 22, con. 4, Downie, from Mrs. Kreh for \$4,000. Mr. Hermann has purchased the west half lot 24, con. 5, for \$3,100; and on Friday, 16th inst., the McFarlane farm on the 7th con. Downie, was knocked down to Walter Rae for \$5,100.
 The death occurred on Tuesday morning of last week at the family residence in St. Marys, of Johnston Armstrong. Deceased has suffered from paralysis for about a year, having sustained a third stroke last summer, since which time he has been helpless, and his demise was not unexpected. He was aged 74 years.
 The Stratford Herald says:—W. S. Morrison, Birmingham street, found a wren's nest in a most peculiar place. A modern pump in Geo. Rennie's yard has not been working for some time past and Mr. Morrison was investigating the trouble with a view to fixing the pump. Some six or seven feet down the inside of the pump he found a wren's nest, built of twigs and straw and lined with feathers and soft downy substances. The little bird had evidently used the spout as a means of exit and ingress.
 A novel action for damages was tried at the Stratford Assizes last week. Biddick vs. the town of Mitchell was an action by a man and his wife against the defendants for injury sustained by the wife from being tripped by a defective sidewalk, in consequence of which a premature and artificial accouchement took place. Under the evidence of a physician called for, the plaintiff and the authority of a case cited by counsel for the defence, Mr. Justice Falconbridge ruled that it had not been shown that the premature delivery and death of the child resulted from the accident, and the jury were only asked to assess the damages for the fall and injuries immediately caused thereby. These were put at \$75.
 The Whale case came before the grand jury at Stratford on Monday of last week, and a bill of wilful murder was found and returned against the prisoner, Daniel Whale. On Wednesday morning the case came up for a final hearing before a judge and jury of "twelve good men and true," as the old English jurisprudence puts it. Mr. Lister, M. P., of Sarnia, appeared for the Queen in the prosecution, and B. B. Osler for the defence. Mr. Lister did not make a strong case, it is said, for the Crown, and the evidence, both for the prosecution and defence, had all been taken before the day was over. In the evening the addresses of the counsel to the jury came on and lasted till a late hour. On Thursday morning at nine o'clock the Judge addressed the jury and continued for an hour. The jury then retired, and after being absent a few minutes over an hour, brought in a verdict of guilty with recommendation to mercy. The Judge sentenced the prisoner to penitentiary for life. Whale has been allowed to remain in the goal to settle his business affairs before going to Kingston.

Winter Dairying.

The Dominion Government has decided, through the recommendation of the Minister of Agriculture, to establish experimental dairy stations where butter-making will be carried on all winter. The purpose is to develop an export trade in butter which may be in a few years equal, or exceed, our growing and improving cheese trade. At the present time there are about 817 cheese factories in the province of Ontario, and if all these or a part of these could be utilized to make winter butter instead of lying idle during six months of the year, it can be seen that a great impetus could be given to our butter export trade. Not only is the utilization part taken into consideration, but a principal factor is to get butter-making upon the same systematic basis that cheese is, and this winter butter-making is a step in this direction. It is well known that Canadian butter has no high status in the English market for the reason that we offer no uniform good quality, or not enough to establish a regular trade. In fact, our butter exports to Great Britain only amount to a trifle over four per cent. of what the English market requires. Its supplies are largely drawn from the dairies of Holland, Denmark and Ireland, but by proper attention to our dairies, and to systematic grading and manufacture, we in Ontario could meet their increased demands for choice butter in England, and to a large extent supplant those rivals. Winter dairying would enlarge our exports of live stock, from the fact that the fall and winter are the best seasons for raising calves. Then the farm help is most economically available for attending to milking cows and feeding calves. The alteration of cheese factories into creameries for winter use would have a tendency to keep cows milking a greater length of time. The average dairy cow, according to the report of the Bureau of Industries of Ontario, only milk from the beginning of May to the last of October, six months, and her annual yield of milk only 2,357 lbs., when the quantity should be twice this and then not be an extraordinary yield. By substituting the winter creamery for the cheese factory the cows could be kept on milking at least four months longer, and 40 per cent. added to the milk yield and the profit of the cow. A few of the London district have expressed their intention of altering their premises for making butter after the close of the cheese-making season. It is to be hoped when the initiative has been taken the Elma and Grey factory proprietors will follow in their footsteps.

ELMA COUNCIL.

The Municipal Council of the township of Elma met at Graham's hotel, Atwood, on the 17th inst. Members all present. Minutes of last meeting read and signed.
 Moved by Mr. Hammond, seconded by Mr. Tughen, that the request of S. Boyle for a further extension of ditching contract to the extent of 60 rods, at 47c per rod, and also \$10 to Mr. Boyle for clearing the said roadway, (con. 16) be granted. Carried.
 Moved by Mr. Lochhead, seconded by Mr. Bray, that whereas J. Dick having stated to this Council that he has notified all the parties interested in the Engin's award, known as the McGregor ditch, and the due time since notification having elapsed and no action has been taken by the said parties, therefor the Clerk be instructed to notify the Engineer to examine the same and report at next meeting. Carried.
 Moved by Mr. Lochhead, seconded by Mr. Hammond, that the application of Mrs. Petrie for \$10 damages caused by travel through property while bridge was building, that \$4 be paid in full of account of all claims. Carried.
 Moved by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Lochhead, that the tender of John Reid for the construction of the Wilson drain be accepted, provided the satisfactory security be given. Carried. (Tender was as follows: Section No. 1, \$1,490; No. 2, 79c; No. 3, \$1,09; No. 4, \$1,95 per rod; culvert on gravel road, \$35, other culverts \$10 each).
 Moved by Mr. Tughen, seconded by Mr. Hammond, that the Engineer be instructed to let the contract of cleaning out the drain, known as the Hird drain making it according to the original award. Carried.
 Moved by Mr. Tughen, seconded by Mr. Hammond, that orders be issued for the following accounts:—W. Shearer \$16.50, approaches to bridge, con. 4; G. Chapman 75c, ditching on gravel road; W. Brown \$150, repairing bridge con. 10; J. C. Ellacott \$22.05, 2 culverts con. 16; W. J. J. Adair 25c, repairing culvert con. 13; J. Hinks \$150, repairing bridge con. 14; A. Ludington \$4, repairing road con. 16; W. Dewar \$4, gravel; Hart & Co. \$1.54, stationery; W. J. Gilkinson \$55, approaches to bridge con. 10; J. Hinks \$8.25, culvert T. L. E. & M., and \$3 repairing culvert con. 16; Mrs. Harvey \$18.75, allowance to Mrs. Montgomery; T. R. Scott \$10, ditching and cleaning road con. 18; J. Keith \$1.25, culverts T. L. E. & M.; W. Hone \$13, 3 culverts; W. Medd \$11.60, ditching con. 6; D. Murray \$1, timber for bridge; J. Reid \$2, burying dead horse; M. Harvey \$4.46, stationery and postage, and 62c discount on cheque; James Hinks \$8, lowering bridge con. 10; T. Fullarton \$32.30, extra work drainage, etc. Carried. T. FULLARTON, Clerk.

Additional Local Items.

NOTHING is more disgraceful than insincerity.—Cicero.
 THE girl who powders most is not the one that goes off first.
 IT is the steady young man that "gets there," not the fast one.
 THE county of Perth according to the recent census has a population of 46,311.
 MISS ADDIE ROBERTSON, teacher, who has been ill with the scarlet fever, has recovered and entered upon her duties again.
 AT Elma's fall show the red ticket for the best suit of clothes was given to J. M. Ballantyne. He makes nobly and good fitting suits. Call on him.
 WM. COLWELL, late of Mitchell, has discontinued the publication of the West Lorne Herald, and will remove the plant from the village unless he is able to find a purchaser for it.
 FINE SHEEP.—Thos Dickson, of Elma, purchased this week a thoroughbred Leicester ram from the flock of T. Connelly & Son, of Fullarton. Mr. Dickson having secured first prizes for both aged and shearing ewes at our fall fair, he should be able to raise some good stock next year. His neighbor, J. W. Boyd, has also some fine Shropshire sheep, so that sheep breeding in Elma may be said to be improving.
 ON the subject of recent laws enacted against married women as school teachers, Wives and Daughters for October says:—There is a general feeling that self-supporting women should be encouraged to marry, and by the way of manufacturing such encouragement the rule is laid down that the woman who is wedded to her work shall be sure of gaining a living, while she who is wedded to a man shall not be sure of gaining anything.
 THREE drainage cases—Hiles v. Ellice township, Seebach v. Fullarton township, and McLellan v. Elma township, were put down for the Perth Assizes, but have been referred to Mr. Britton, Q. C., of Kingston, the new Referee under the Drainage Act of 1891, who was appointed in August last. These being the first cases referred, his court will be held in Stratford. Under the act the Referee is an officer of the High court with all the powers of an official Referee under the Judicature Act and also the powers of arbitrators under the Municipal Act. He has the power of granting an injunction or a mandamus in any matter before him and is substituted for the arbitrators provided for by the drainage enactments. The mode of procedure before the court is very simple. In cases of claims for damages under the Drainage Act, all that is needed is a notice stating grounds of the appeal or claim, a copy of which is to be filed with an affidavit of service at the office of one of the registrars of the High court to be from time to time designated by the Referee, and approved by the Lieut-Governor in council, or with the local registrar or Deputy Clerk of the Crown of the County or one of the counties in which the lands in question are situated. After all due notice has been given to the defendants in the action the referee fixes a time for trial and the court is held in the county where the drainage works are constructed.
 THE PELTON GENEALOGY.—J. M. Pelton, of New York city, is publishing the genealogy of the Pelton family, members of which reside in Atwood, Listowel and Wingham. There appears to be but one family bearing this name hence the desirability of publishing the history. From a circular referring to this work we glean the following items:—The name of Pelton, first as applied to places, second as the name of family, the members of which took their patronymic from their first manor in the parish of Peldon, county of Essex, England, where they settled in 1086, about which time the manor was given by William the Conqueror, to William the deacon, of London, and which family had important branches in Northamptonshire and Wiltshire, as shown by English county histories, architecture, heraldry and English church records, showing where in the olden times they lived and died. Also where their descendants now live in England and in British colonies. The compilation of this work has occupied the odd minutes and hours of fifteen years of a business life, and is the result of more than six thousand letters written by the compiler's own hand, his personal examination of more than three hundred family histories; also by clerks, of many English county and American town histories; of state, county, township, church and cemetery records, all of which has cost the writer, besides his time, more than one thousand dollars in cash, for which he expects no return in money. It is considered an honor to be a descendant from one of the old families of New England, New York or Virginia. This work will enable every person bearing the name of Pelton to trace his or her line of ancestry back to 1634; and the writer hopes it may incite all of the name to carefully keep their own family records. As soon as a sufficient number of subscriptions is received, the work will be published in the best style of genealogical literature, by Joel Mansell's Sons, Albany, N. Y. The work will make a large octavo volume 6 or 6 1/2 by 9 or 9 1/2 inches, printed from new and handsome type, on heavy first quality paper, and will be durably and neatly bound in cloth, and lettered in gold. The price of the volume is \$5.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The Russian fleet is to be largely augmented.
 The Czar is to be officially invited to visit Paris.
 Instead of one canal at Sault Ste. Marie there will soon be three.
 Alex. Barclay is under arrest in Guelph charged with bigamy.
 The Bishop of Huron opened a new church at Ripley on Sunday last.
 One Dereham farmer, near Ostrander, has between 500 and 600 barrels of apples.
 The Earl of Aberdeen has purchased a 12,000 acre ranche in British Columbia.
 Martin won the bicycle race at New York, having ridden 1,466 miles during the week.
 British commissioners to the World's Fair at Chicago speak enthusiastically of its outlook.
 The Emperor of Germany has yielded to his wife's solicitations and is again without a beard.
 It is now said that Thomas McGreevy will not be a candidate for re-election in Quebec West.
 Lake Huron has fallen three feet in five years. Can it be possible the lake has sprung a leak.
 Twenty millions of people in Russia are said to be already on the verge of actual starvation.
 Detroit defeated Preston 2 goals to 0 in the final game for the championship of the Western Football Association.
 Rev. E. R. Hutt, of Ingersoll, has received from Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage a piece of olive wood from the Mount of Olives.
 Thos. W. Shelton, a former resident of West Oxford, now of Chicago, has invented an oil filter that is spoken of highly.
 The Colony of Victoria is about to float a loan of \$50,000,000, the proceeds of which are to be expended in railways and other public works.
 The Queen of England reigns over a realm embracing 367,000,000 subjects. This is a greater number of people than ever before sat under the shadow of one throne.
 Rev. Solomon Peter Hale delivered one of his original lectures to the students of Alma College, St. Thomas, the other night. A collection amounting to \$10 was presented. "It effects my optic nerve," said the old man, "and agitates my internal curiosity."
 It is stated that in the near future a new daily paper is to be started in Windsor for the purpose of advocating continental unity (or annexation). A capital stock of \$25,000 is to be subscribed, and already it is alleged, several applications for stock have been made.
 Judge Loney sent Mayor Berry and the City Council of Newport, Kentucky, to gaol Tuesday for refusing to obey the order of the court to use the lights furnished by the Newport Gas Co. The officials were declared guilty of contempt of court and sent to gaol for six months or until further order of the court.
 An agreement has been reached whereby the Keystone Bridge Company, of Pittsburg, one of Andrew Carnegie's concerns, is to construct the metal portion of a tower erected for the Chicago World's Fair. The tower is to be over 1,200 feet in height, and will cost about \$1,500,000. It will be completed by Oct., 1892.
 Three sons of the great author of "Pickwick" are still living. Charles Dickens, his father's namesake, is editor of "The Year Round, and is known to American audiences for his readings from his father's works. Alfred Tenyson Dickens is a merchant in Melbourne, and the youngest member of the family, Edward Bulwer Lyton Dickens, is a sheep farmer and a new member of the New South Wales Parliament.
 In the Presbytery of London there are thirty-three pastoral charges. The jurisdiction of the Presbytery extends over the county of Elgin and the southern portion of the county of Middlesex, including the city of London. Having oversight of this district there are thirty-three ministers, two hundred and twenty-five elders, three hundred and sixty-five other office bearers, and five hundred and seventy-seven engaged in Sabbath school work. The number of communicants reported is 6,076, a gain of 384 over last year; 413 were added on profession of faith, and 567 by certificate. There were removed by death 87, by discipline 5, by certificate 131, without certificate 50.
 A little incident that shows how the theatrical predominated in Boulanger's nature is related of the "brav' general's" conduct at the celebration of the hundredth anniversary of the surrender of Cornwallis, at Yorktown. While the great procession was passing the reviewing stand where Boulanger stood among the guests of honor, he stepped hastily down, and rushing up to a soldier who stood at one end of the ancient canon, seized the layard from his side and fired ten guns of the salute. Then he turned round and said in French: "A son of France behind an American gun—may the symbol never be broken and may a Frenchman never fire heavier ammunition at the republic of the United States."