

COUNTY NEWS.

INTERESTING LETTERS FROM OUR STAFF OF CORRESPONDENTS.

A Budget of News and Gossip: Personal Intelligence. A Little of Every-thing will be found in this column.

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OAK LEAF.

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There is talk of Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon going to attend the World's Fair this coming month.
Mr. R. J. Green has taken the position of bandmaster and intends to visit the Delta Band on Monday.
Quite an excitement was occasioned last week when the neighbors saw Mr. Maude's team coming on the run on their way home, but fortunately they escaped unhurt.

CHARLESTON.

Monday, May 22.—The hotels expect an extra rush of guests this summer.
Mrs. J. Fisher is now convalescent. Baby Ladd's cut, owned by J. Hudson, staid Lapetev, is worth seeing.
D. Hefferman has resolved to renounce bachelorhood.
John Hudson and J. Kavanagh took a large oon up in one of the pine trees.
Ed. Kayer and lady spent Sunday at Cedar Park.
Father Kelly and his sisters are daily expected at Cedar Park Hotel.

SHEARSTOWN.

Monday, May 22.—Jas. Cox was a guest at P. Cooley's.
Father Kelly was here to visit Ed. Shee, who is very ill.
Miss S. Deir arrived from Lansdowne whither she went to visit her parents.
The priest's grey team became unruly in the hands of N. Shee, who allowed them to escape him, damaging horses and buggy very much.
P. J. Shee and wife were in Westford on Sunday.
Dave Leeder shot four skunks in his barn.
The merchants in this town are doing very poor business.
Visitors at N. Shee's: Messrs. Root, Stack, Judge and D. Cox; also Misses N. Cox and Deir.

WESTPORT.

Monday, May 22.—Miss Maggie Leeder and brother will attend the World's Fair.
Jim Williams will soon take to himself a life companion.
The famous Ballycanoe picnic takes place in July.
Miss Margaret Keyes is in delicate health.
The Misses Kelly had a narrow escape last Sunday. They were thrown from their carriage and were severely injured.
Thos. Flood and Ed. Leeder exchanged horses last Sunday.
Thursday last Orchard Villa had a hair's breadth escape from being sacked by fire. At 10 a. m. Mr. H. while in the act of setting a goose in a field hard by his cottage, beheld the conflagration and thereupon gave the alarm at box No. 1. Captain John Flood and men soon rushed to the scene and put out the fire. The furniture and other effects were saved.
Three teams took fright at the Leeder factory this week owned by Messrs. E. Nunn, Charles Birch, and Cloy. Nunn's horses ran over Chas. Birch, maiming him almost mortally.

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Saturday, May 20.—Mr. Albert Scott, of Rochester, N. Y., is home on a visit.
Mr. H. W. Lockwood has purchased the Runie mare from Noah Whitmarsh.
Mr. Patrick Murphy is going to Brockville where he has secured a job in a tailor shop.
Messrs. John McGuire & Son, our enterprising tin-smiths, are building an addition to their shop.
Mr. Thos. Coburn has purchased the house and lot owned by Mr. John McIntire at the foot of the mountain.
Messrs. Jas. Conley and Adial Taggart have purchased the shingle mill on Bedford street from Mr. Geo. Haskins.
Murray & Son, photographers of Brockville, have been here for a few days. They occupy part of Mr. C. N. Simmons' shop.
Call and see C. N. Simmons' new and well assorted stock of watches, clocks, jewelry, plated ware, and fine goods. Don't forget that he keeps a nice lot of spectacles. Don't forget the place, Church street.

BALLYCANOE.

Friday, May 19.—The spring work has been delayed considerably on account of the wet weather.
Mr. S. A. Armstrong is very ill with measles.
One of our young men is on the eve of purchasing a new buggy. Look out, girls, for the iron-gray.
Mr. Wm. Kerr is thinking of taking into himself a wife. We wish him success.
William Curtis has moved back to the old homestead.
Miss Emma Leeder is going to Prescott the coming week to visit her brother, Mr. A. Leeder.
What came near being a serious accident occurred this morning. While Mr. Wm. Cloy was taking his milk to the factory the horses took fright and ran into E. Nunn's wagon, smashing one of the hind wheels. Notwithstanding the efforts of R. Leeder and E. Nunn to stop the frightened animals, they continued to run, upsetting C. Birch's wagon. Charles, after being thrown about three feet into the air, found himself measuring his length in the ditch and his fiery beast clearing for home at the rate of two feet.
Service was held in St. Luke's church last Sunday evening, but on account of the illness of Miss Jackson

the organist the choir failed to perform on that evening.

Mr. Wm. Dix is very ill. His condition is such that little hope is of his recovery.

FRANKVILLE.

Saturday, May 20.—Mr. R. F. Ford spent Sunday in Lyndhurst.
Our chess factory is making as high as 17 chesses per day.
Mr. J. W. Walcott, of Pownance, is home on a visit to relatives here.
Rev. Mr. Grenfell, of Athens, occupied the pulpit in the Methodist church on Sunday evening last, preaching from the xx. Psalm, "I will be a father to the fatherless."
A concert under the auspices of St. Thomas' church will be held in Brownbridge's hall on the evening of the 24th inst. Admission, 25 cts.
One of our enterprising farmers who lives on Super street had two of his little pigs stolen one night last week. Look out for Chesters.
We extend our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. J. Ireland in the loss of their youngest child.
Mr. A. A. Radley took for his subject on Sunday night here, "The Epworth League pledge."
The Toledo lodge went to church at Frankville on last Sunday morning. Mr. A. A. Radley conducted the service.
The family of Rev. James Pullar will leave here in about three weeks.
Miss Cloy, of Athens, is the guest of Mrs. (Rev.) D. Fleming this week.
A Saddler, undertaker, has got moved and is now getting a good show of furniture in stock. Ours (Oughlin), who has been undertaking for the past year or two, has sold out his business to A. Saddler and has moved into W. Dunham's house where he will remain for a short time.
Miss L. Trusdale, of Halifax, Nova Scotia, is the guest of her sister Mrs. (Rev.) D. Fleming.
Talmage Stratton was confined to the house last week with sore throat. Fishing is the chief amusement here at present.

GLEN DUELL.

Monday, May 22.—Ever since the memorable collapse of the Bell Farm syndicate and the removal of the genial president to fairer and greener pastures, there has been a dearth of news and a general lassitude observable in our business relations with the outside world. We are pleased to note, however, signs of returning prosperity to our own village and the surrounding outlying districts. No doubt those of your readers of Tory tendencies will clap their hands and shout "Hurrah for the great N. P. that keeps alive our infant industries and is continually opening up new channels or trade, while on the other hand those of Grit leanings will as stoutly aver that the N. P. has nothing at all to do with it; that it is simply one of those mysterious providences that render it necessary, as stated in that beautiful passage in the declaration of American independence, "In the course of human events," for some people to "get up and git," or faro worse. Certain it is, anyway, that we are the one of the great and good things of the "Dogtown" dairy has become a certainty and has come to stay. A new covered van has been procured, replete with gold leaf, tinseled and gaudily lettered. Old Dobbin has been brushed up, an extra string or two put here and there in the harness, and daily trips are now made to the county town with a fresh and wholesome supply of the lactated fluid. Although the enterprise is only in its infancy the amount produced on the home farm is insufficient to supply the demand, and the matron of the White House has been beguiled into withdrawing her support from the regular factory, and for \$18 per ton has consented to three times the benefits of the Babcock test to the winds and empty her milk pails into the van's capacious maw for the season. "I said that the quasi reporter has already figured up the amount of milk produced in this county for the first month and thinks he can safely venture to invest in one more 'collier pup.' We shall watch the new enterprise with an eagle eye and report progress, or otherwise, as the occasion may require.

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Monday, May 22.—It is with much pleasure that we read the local news in the Athens Reporter of the many improvements that are being made in the rural village of Shee, Westford, and Melmoth Mills. We can remember when these places were the haunts of the deer, wolf, raccoon and whang-doodle. At one period in the history of Canada Orchard Villa was a deer park, and many an Indian arrow-head was gathered on that same plot of ground. Sheelown was traversed by a deer runway leading from Blue Mountain to the Melmoth Mills. We have not yet had any authentic account of when the great Westford picnic will come off. Arbor day was only observed in Caintown by both teacher and pupils. Miss Cecilia, with her intelligent staff of pupils, thoroughly cleared the grounds of all superfluous rubbish, and put everything in order for inspection by the sanitary committee. Tree planting is neglected in said school for the reason that the ground is not adopted to tree culture. Mrs. Ormon Gibson is at present very low, and the family have the undivided sympathy of the neighborhood. At half past four on Monday last, on the premises of one Constable, who lives near the St. Lawrence river, a great fire at Orchard Villa one night last week. This was a sure case of spontaneous combustion. The fire brigade of Westford soon extinguished the flames.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A MILD CRITICISM.

Athens, Ont. May 19th, 1903.

Editor Reporter—

Sir,—In this week's issue of the Reporter I notice a report of the confirmation service held at Christ Church, Athens, on the 15th inst. I am struck by the fact that the first while the report is in the main correct it is in a few particulars just a trifle too elaborately elaborated.

As a Churchman it seems to me that there is hardly any occasion for the "greatest credit" to be due the Church Wardens for merely doing their duty. When they accepted the office they probably expected to perform their duties irrespective of puffing. As to the report, I am sorry to say that I fail to see why they should be made carry off a great big share of that same "greatest credit." At each annual vestry meeting four sidesmen are chosen and are instructed as to what their duties will be. Among other things expected of them, it is expected that not only on occasions like this confirmation service, but also at all times when they can, they will be in attendance upon the Church in open and public manner. I am sure that all persons shall be provided with seats, if possible. On the occasion referred to in your report only two of the sidesmen were in attendance at the opening of the church, though a third one, I believe, had been previously working hard to get the seats properly placed. These two sidesmen who were in attendance did render most efficient help for a time in attending to and seating the unusually large congregation, but perhaps got tired before their whole duty was performed. I noticed that after they themselves had taken seats quite a number of people joined the congregation and these last comers were ushered to their seats by somebody other than the sidesmen.

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