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Country Talk.

Donegal.

Rev. Mr. Smith, of Henfryn, preaches here next Sabbath at the usual hour.

Straw hats are at a discount this week, while mits and overcoats are in great demand.

Seeding has been finished and the farmers are now anxiously waiting for the weather to get in its part of the spring work.

S. McAllister has been busily engaged the past two weeks in refitting the cheese factory, building a new engine house, etc., preparatory to making a start next week. We wish him a prosperous season's work.

The following are the pupils of the Donegal public school who were successful in passing the written examination into Junior Third and Second classes:—Promotion to Junior Third Class—Pass mark 100—Christina Petrie 84, Maud Wilson 212, Maggie Mc-Nichol 201, Willie A. Buchanan 197, Andrew Buchanan 184, Adeline Buchanan 182, Louis McNichol 178, Willie Burke 169, Robert McCourt 160, Albert McClelland 160. Second Class—Pass mark 115—Alfred McNichol 188, Hugh McCourt 169, Neil Matheson 162, Wm. Matheson 159, Wright Irwin 157, Nancy Burke 148, Minnie McFarlane 144, Henry Hammond 137, John Seelhoff 123.

Elma.

Mrs. Hugh Wilson, 10th con., is recovering after a prolonged illness we are pleased to state.

W. W. Gray left last Friday to take his old position as cheesemaker of the Honeygrove factory.

Miss Parker, of Braemar, Oxford Co., spent several days with her cousin, Miss Ida Parker, last week.

The gripe will soon release its hold, and the apples green will gripe; the festive fly will grow more bold, and picnics will be ripe.

Silver Corners cheese factory has been overhauled inside and out this spring; a coat of paint has brightened the exterior and the interior has been finished in oil. A representative of THE BEE purposes visiting all the factories in Elma township this season if time will permit, when a brief description of each will be given in these columns.

SCHOOL REPORT.—The following is the standing of the pupils in S. S. No. 4, Elma, for the month of April. Names in order of merit:—Fifth Class—Ernest Smith, Wm. Hamilton, Wm. Welsh, John Welsh, Elsie Hamilton. Senior Fourth Class—John Adams. Junior Fourth Class—Bert Turnbull, Thomas Hamilton, Maud Harris, Ida Shannon, Maggie Hunter. Senior Third Class—Wood Welsh, Tom Peebles, Ed. Gaynor, Eddie Harris, Etta Shannon, John Fogal. Junior Third Class—Rachel Laidlaw, James Gaynor, Allie Hunter, J. L. Edgar, Belle Laidlaw and Eliza Wilson equal, Lottie Adams, John Gaynor, Aggie Hunter. Average attendance for the month 46.

J. W. WARD, Teacher.

MARRIED.—A very pleasant event took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Parker, gravel road, on Wednesday evening, April 29th, it being the occasion of the marriage of their daughter, Miss Annie, to Wm. Vipond, son of Samuel Vipond, Donegal. The mystic knot was tied by Rev. D. Rogers, of Atwood, in the presence of a few immediate relatives of the bride and groom. The bride was attired in a beautiful fawn colored camel's hair dress and the bridesmaid, Miss Parker, of Woodstock, looked very becoming in a blue-tropic cashmere. The groom was ably supported by his brother, Joseph Vipond. The bride was the recipient of many lovely presents from her friends in Woodstock and Hamilton. The young couple enter upon their new relationship under the most favorable prospects, carrying with them the best wishes for their future prosperity of a host of friends. Mr. Vipond has a farm on the 8th con., where he and his bride will make their home. THE BEE adds its congratulations.

Turnberry.

Miss Maggie Freeborn is visiting Mrs. Fraser.

Bluevale cheese factory commenced operations on Monday.

Mr. Robb, Public School Inspector, visited S.S. No. 9 last Wednesday, April 28th.

The Congregational and Methodist churches of Salem have re-opened their Sunday schools for the summer.

On Sunday evening your correspondent observed a bright, flaming meteor passing through the heavens in a westerly direction.

Arbo day was observed in the usual manner in S. S. No. 9, in beautifying the school premises by cleaning the yard and planting trees and flowers.

Henfryn.

There is a splendid opening for a good tailor in our village.

THE BEE finds a welcome in many homes in this locality.

Two new men have secured employment on the G. T. R. section here, one of whom takes the position of Mr. Thomas, now of Sebringville, and the other is an additional hand.

Jacob Hanover, of the Henfryn brick yard, has recently purchased an engine and brick machine, which will enable him to manufacture 10,000 brick per day. This looks like business.

The farmers all through this section have been turning the fine weather of the past few weeks to good account and seeding operations are about through. If they are wise they will continue in the good work and endeavor to utilize every foot of land possible to the best advantage. The present prices of produce and the improving commercial outlook should encourage to greater exertions.

CHANGED HANDS.—Our hotel has changed hands, the new proprietor, Godfrey Taylor, took possession this week. The sale of the hotel furniture last week netted \$150. The late proprietor, Mr. Belmes, has decided to go on his farm, 6th con. Grey. Mr. Taylor has disposed of his farm on the 8th con. Grey to Geo. Zillax, of Listowel, and will devote his time to the hotel business. We wish him success.

Brussels.

Assessor Stewart has finished serving assessment notices.

Census enumerator Hingston is through with his work in Brussels.

Geo. E. Cooper and family will remove to Toronto where they purpose making their home for the future.

The National Roller Mills in Brussels will from May 1st be run under the firm of Messrs. Hemby & Vanstone.

Dr. Cavanagh has placed a piano case on Oakes organ in his dental parlor. He purchased it from Thos. Moore, of this place.

Rev. W. J. Brandon, of Monkton, was in town the other day. Brussels was his first circuit when he entered the Methodist ministry some fifteen years ago.

Asa Fitzpatrick arrived home from Denver, Colorado, last week. He purposes going into business in Ontario. His brother Albert may become a partner.

The managers of Melville church have purchased a large double banked Bell organ from Scott Bros., of Seaford, for use in connection with the choir. It is only used at the Sabbath evening services.

Surveyor Bolton and F. S. Scott were engaged last Wednesday laying out the course on the new agricultural ground. It will be built oval shape, running north and south. Work will be proceeded with at once.

Drs. Knechtel and Shaw are home from Toronto receiving the congratulations of their many friends in Brussels and locality. The result of the Medical Council examination will not be known for about a month yet.

The Band Committee has arranged a year's contract with Bandmaster Albertson and the Band is receiving a thorough drilling, the recruits making very marked progress. The weekly open air concerts will be continued during the summer months as in past years.

BURGLARY.—The postoffice was burglarized last Monday morning, May 4th, about 1:30. Two men obtained an entrance by prying open the back door with heavy chisels, bored a hole through the top of the safe and no doubt they used powder to blow it open, the locks being completely blown out and the door swung open when discovered this morning. D. McDonald, one of our young men, who had been out of town, drove in, put away his horse and went down to mail two letters from the outside. One of the burglars, who was outside apparently keeping sentry, hailed Mr. McDonald, at the same time telling him that he wanted him. McDonald refused to remain, and the burglar drew a revolver and presented it to McDonald's face, saying at the same time "You won't come, won't you?" He handed McDonald roughly and made him sit down on the doorstep outside while the other man was inside drilling and blowing the safe open. He remarked to McDonald that that was the way they made a living, and that there would be an explosion in a few minutes, but it would not hurt him if he kept quiet. The report of the explosion woke Dr. McNaughton up, his office being across the street. He got up and immediately gave the alarm, but too late to catch them. The explosion was heard by a great many. They obtained \$25, a gold watch and two registered letters. Had not Mr. Farrow's son deposited \$200 after bank hours they would have secured that amount more. One of the burglars was stout and wore a black moustache, stiff hat and dark clothes. McDonald says he had hard, rough hands, while the other was tall and had soft hands and wore a black slouch hat. Later—Two men answering the description were arrested in Listowel on Wednesday on suspicion.

Bornholm.

August Rose returned to Detroit on Monday after spending two weeks at his home here.

Rev. Langholtz, of Philipsburg, occupied the pulpit of the Lutheran church pulpit here on Sunday last.

All the pupils of S. S. No. 10 who wrote at the promotion examination were successful. Following is the report:—Promotion to Junior Fourth Class—May Osborn 411, Katie Pfeiffer 371, August Baner 361, Bertha Hollatz 357. Senior Third Class—Minnie Osborn 303, Beatrice Ward 282, Arthur Ward 266, Fred Scherbarth 262, Chas. Rose 253, Louisa Rose 229, Otto Ritz 226, John Davey 206, Charles Baner 192.

Miss J. E. RICHMOND, Teacher.

Grey.

Wm. Killough had quite a severe attack from la grippe, developing into an affection of the lungs, but he is improving we are glad to state.

Monday evening last, F. J. Bennis, organizer for the Patrons of Industry, delivered an address in Smith's school house. On Wednesday evening he was at Turnbull's school house.

Friday, April 24th, old Mrs. Barker, mother of John and Matthew Barker, deceased, passed suddenly away at the advanced age of 93 years. She had got up in the morning and had laced her shoes and was seated in her chair when she apparently dozed off to sleep. When her attendant went over to her she found the old lady was dead. Mrs. Barker had lived here for the past 15 years or more, coming from the Old Country. The funeral was on Sunday afternoon, the interment being made at Brussels cemetery. Rev. B. Sherlock, of Ethel, officiated.

Ethel.

Some of the farmers are through seeding in this locality.

Miss Jessie Hamilton, of Elma, is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. R. Barr.

John Ducklow left Tuesday for Toronto where he has secured a situation on the G. T. R.

George Gill left this week for Detroit where he intends to spend the summer. Success, George.

John Long, jr., and family leave this week for Galt, where he has secured a situation on the railway.

Richard Cox has returned home from Montana after spending the winter there. He will remain home for the summer.

The trustee board of the Ethel school held a meeting last Saturday for the purpose of electing a new trustee to fill the place of Mr. Elliot, resigned. Mr. Rupp was duly installed.

On Tuesday while a number of the school children were playing in the Presbyterian church shed, Laura Peebles accidentally fell from a beam and broke her arm near the wrist.

Logan.

Mrs. J. Swail, of Stratford, is visiting Mrs. Matthew Elliott.

James Hicks and family have all been laid up with la grippe.

Mrs. C. Coppin is very ill and the doctor has very little hopes of her recovery.

Mrs. W. Pomeroy returned home on Friday, after spending a week in St. Marys.

Fires are quite prevalent in the adjoining township. It is to be hoped the incendiary will keep away from Logan.

The Ontario Hedge Fence and Wire Fence Co. are going to do a large business with their hedge in this section this spring.

Miss Huggins, who was visiting Miss Leary and took very sick, has recovered sufficiently to enable her to be taken home to Wingham.

We understand that John Gummow intends fixing up the cottage now occupied by W. Pomeroy, putting a foundation under it and erecting a kitchen to the back.

F. Wood has joined the great army of benedictines by taking unto himself a partner for life in the person of Miss May Harper, of Albion. We wish the young couple many congratulations. Who will be next?

Stratford.

Upwards of \$300 has been subscribed for the Stratford Lacrosse club.

There were registered with City Clerk Lang during the month of April 17 births, three marriages and nine deaths.

During the month of April 135 tramps occupied the cells in the city hall. The greatest number confined in one night was ten.

The customs collections at the port of Stratford for the month of April were: Free goods \$10,994; dutiable goods \$33,653; duty collected \$7,064.63.

James McFadden, the popular clerk of the county court, now carries a handsome gold-headed cane, given to him by his children on attaining his seventieth year.

The Beacon gas engine, removed here from Woodstock, got the tantrums so badly that it was found necessary to print last week's edition on The Herald press.

During the month of April 19,064,977 gallons of water were pumped by the Water Supply Co. The new 2,000,000 gallon pump is working nicely and is giving thorough satisfaction. Several other improvements are under contemplation.

Intelligence has been received of the death of Rev. Chas. Lavell of Drummondville, aged 69 years. He was pastor of Trafalgar street church at Mitchell for three years and also at Stratford and Seaford. He was chairman of Goderich district for many years.

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