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COMMUNICATIONS.

Forestry.

To the Editor of THE BEE.

Sir,—If you can afford space I should like to mention to your readers that the new forestry report for Ontario is now ready, and will be sent to all who send me their addresses. It is sent free of all charges, being distributed by the Ontario Government in the interests of forest preservation. [Address: 251½ Richmond street, Toronto.] It will be found to contain much of interest to all who care for trees and who wish to see a proper proportion of woodland retained to the country. There is also much of value with reference to planting and shelter in fruit-growing.

The literature thus distributed with the use of the press, for which I have to thank yourself and many other editors, is, I am glad to say, being productive of valuable results. Many more trees are yearly being planted, greater interest taken and more care bestowed in the maintenance of the small forests yet left standing in our farming districts.

It is to be hoped that still greater progress will shortly be made. The great injury which farming countries in North America suffer from over-clearing has taken place is beginning to be well understood. When the woods are mostly gone, the soil is always dried up too quickly by the unchecked rapidity of the winds and it is also continually losing its best constituents by the washing away of the soil, which would be prevented were there sufficient forests to hold the moisture which falls from the clouds. Without them it passes over the ground in torrents to the great injury of the soil. Next, and it is no slight evil, the stock of timber is being alarmingly reduced.

Yours, etc.,
R. W. PHIPPS.
Toronto, March 26, 1891.

Perth Spring Assizes.

A LIGHT CALENDAR AND NOT VERY HEAVY DOCKET.

CHIEF JUSTICE ARMOUR opened the spring term of the Perth assizes, in the court house, Stratford, on Monday forenoon of last week. The following were sworn as the grand jury:—J. C. Burt, Listowel, foreman; Peter Arbogast, Fullarton; E. M. Alexander, Listowel; Richard Babb, Mitchell; James Bennoch, Stratford; David Creighton, Blanshard; James Crawford, Blanshard; George Cleland, Elma; Thos. Currelly, Fullarton; W. M. Clime, Listowel; Peter Crearer, North Easthope; Thos. Eplett, Blanshard; Jas. C. Fuller, Logan; Jas. G. Field, South Easthope; S. S. Fuller, Stratford; Wm. Honey, Henry Jewell, Logan; Henry W. Kerr, Moses Lang, Mornington; Gilbert H. McIntyre, St. Marys; Arthur Reddaway, Milverton; C. D. Swanson, Wm. Thistle, Downie; Thos. Waldie, Gore of Downie.

His Lordship having briefly explained to them their duties, the first case was called:
ACTION FOR DAMAGES.
On the night of Jan. 25, 1890, a Grand Trunk employee named Chris. O. Farmer, while coupling cars in the Stratford yard, was accidentally killed, and his widow, Mrs. Lydia Farmer entered this action to recover damages from the railway company. One of the cars he was attempting to couple was laden with lumber, and it is claimed on plaintiff's behalf that the car was improperly loaded. The case occupied most of the day, a number of witnesses being examined. The jury found a verdict for plaintiff and \$500 damages. Mr. Harding, Q. C., for plaintiff; Mr. Nesbitt (of McCarty, Osler & Co.) and McPherson & Davidson for defendants.

LISTOWEL SLANDER CASE.
S. Drieker, hardware merchant, Listowel, brought an action against P. Campbell, another hardware merchant of the same place, for alleged slander in uttering remarks derogatory to the plaintiff's financial standing. Verdict for defendant. Mabee & Gearing for plaintiff; Idington & Palmer for defendant.

ALLEGED LARCENY.
James McGorman, a farmer, was indicted for the alleged larceny of a goat robe at Listowel in December last, the property of James A. McCallum. It was charged that the robe was taken off McCallum's horse while in the stable, and that it was afterwards found on the horse of accused. The jury found McGorman guilty and his Lordship passed a sentence of one month in gaol at hard labor. Mr. Lister, Q. C., for the crown; H. B. Morphy for defendant.

INTERPLEADER CASE.
Puddicombe vs. Henry and Puddicombe vs. Monteith, an interpleader action to determine the right to the property of Anderson Stevenson sold under mortgage, was referred to the Chancery court.

In the cases of Nesbitt Bros. vs. Madill et al, Stewart vs. Carey, and B. M. Loan Co. vs. Butler, all non-jury suits, there was a verdict for plaintiff.

E. Hill vs. H. White (Atwood case), verdict for defendant—reversing the decision of the judge at last assizes. Mabee & Gearing for plaintiff; J. E. Harding, Q. C., for defendant.

McLaren vs. McLaren, a St. Marys will case, and Dorling vs. Bank of Hamilton, were reserved.

Graig vs. G. T. R. Co., Selach vs. Fullarton, and the case of alleged seduction against L. Rophermael, were postponed.

This concluded the work of the assizes.
Monkton.
Mr. Reid occupied the pulpit of the Methodist church on Sunday, March 29th.
Mr. McLeod, a collecting agent for Harris & Co., Brantford, was here in the company's interest recently.
John McEwen is preparing to build a brick dwelling on his lot south of the German church lot.

The Atwood Sidewalks.
Go talk of your cities, your burghs and your towns,
Your hills and your valleys, your woods and your downs;
From the rocky Cape Horn to the Icelandic flood,
There's no place like Atwood for sidewalks of mud!

The roads of the country are grassy and clean,
Decked with sweet flowers that bloom in the spring,
Though the wind drives along the rain and the seed,
They bloom, but O, think of the sidewalks of mud.

The sidewalks of cities are pavements of stone,
So clean and so trim for the great moving throng;
If the clouds should send down their waves with a thud,
'Twere better than splashing along sidewalks of mud.

You talk about Atwood being a city some day!
'Twill be when the people get rid of the clay.
A Kamschatka quagmire where the pelican stalks,
Does equal for dryness the Atwood sidewalks.

—Finis.
School Law Changes.

The bills relating to education introduced by Hon. Mr. Ross make some changes in the law which are worthy of note. The following are some of the points in which the High School Law will be amended:
It is intended to establish a commercial department in all the collegiate institutes of the province and a specialist in commercial subjects will be required, having equal rank as specialists in modern languages, classics and science. Provision is made also for the abolition of the preparatory departments in High schools in view of the progress of Public school work in the past twenty years. It is also proposed to provide for the appointment of High school trustees during the month of December preceding the year in which they enter upon their duties. Members of municipal councils are to be disqualified from serving either as High school trustees or as members of the board of education. It is proposed also to give the Public school boards representation on the High school boards under conditions similar to the representations of the separate schools. Of course this would not apply where boards of education exist. Authority is to be given trustees of High schools to dispose absolutely of their right to High school property. Material changes will be made in the mode of paying the High school grant except in so far as concerns the legislative grant. Provision will be made for such an equitable distribution of the burdens of maintaining the High schools as will materially relieve the High school district. Authority will also be given to county councils to impose fees not exceeding \$10 per annum on county pupils. The intention is to shift the burden of maintaining the High schools to a certain extent from the ratepayers to those availing themselves of the advantages. The entrance examination will be continued, but instead of a board of examiners for each High school, it is intended to appoint a board of examiners for each county. A change is made in the High school terms. The first High school term will begin on the last Monday of August instead of at the beginning of the year; the second term will begin with 3rd January instead of the 7th, the holidays extending over one week will be allowed summer on the 30th June. The practical effect of this will be to increase the holidays in High schools not more than a couple of days, but the long term from 1st January to 1st July is to be relieved by holidays as already stated.

Though several amendments are made in the Public school law, in the greatest number of cases they merely effect details of administration which the experience of the last five years has demonstrated to be necessary. A leaving examination is provided for. The intention is to furnish Public school pupils additional inducements to continue their course of study after having passed the entrance examination. It is now proposed to make the option that was allowed municipal councils by the act of 1885 of giving \$100 to each school section within the township obligatory. In the same connection it is also proposed to relieve county councils from giving for the maintenance of rural schools an equivalent of the Government grant.

Additional Local Items.

DR. SINCLAIR will visit Atwood, at Loerger's hotel, on Tuesday, April 28th. Read his announcement elsewhere.

A NUMBER of farmers who have been holding back their grain for better prices are now hauling it to Atwood market.

MRS. JOHNSON was in London this week selecting her spring millinery stock. Watch for announcement next week.

PEOPLE cannot be too careful about exposing themselves this weather. La Grippe is ravaging the country in all directions.

A WELL KNOWN fruit raiser says that so far this season the peach buds are safe, and that if no outward event takes place there will be a large crop of peaches this year.

"Hug me to death" is the title of a new song. It is said to be intended for a duet and no audience. If it is successful it will be a tight squeeze. It is certainly a ticklish production and might result in holding a fellow for life.

FUR caps and straw hats are in season this sweet spring time. The climate loads each day with its own assorted stock of weather and 'twixt sun-up and sun down every sort of a garment, from a sealskin saque to a linen duster, is in order.

75 CENTS.—During the past few weeks we have added many new subscribers to our subscription list, but we want to swell the number still greater. Send in your names and get the best local paper in the county. 75c. secures THE BEE to Jan. 1st, 1892.

NEW MANSE.—It was decided at the congregational meeting of the Presbyterian church, held last Tuesday afternoon, to build a new brick manse on or adjacent to the site of the present manse, to cost about \$1,500, and to be completed by Dec. 1, 1891. The old structure is certainly unfit for a minister's home, the rooms being too small and poorly laid out. This looks like—well, what shall we say, Mr. Henderson?

SERMON TO YOUNG MEN.—"Is the young man Absalom safe?"—II Samuel, 18:32. From these words Rev. D. R. Rogers preached a sermon to young men in the Methodist church last Sunday evening, characterized by the intensity with which the profound thoughts contained therein were expressed. He first made his hearers familiar with the narrative from which his text was taken, following with an able, lucid and practical address on the difficulties, besetments and evil environments which meet every young man entering the arena of life, and which must be triumphed over if success is to ultimately crown his efforts. He pointed out the common evils of silencing the voice of conscience; of young men introducing "the tricks of trade" into their business; bad associations, and especially to guard against uniting men or women of savory characters or indifferent to moral principles. An evil companion has greater influence than a good over us, hence the danger of making alliances with the ungodly. Then there was the contaminating influence of unhealthy literature—trashy, sentimental novels. A young man or woman cannot afford to pour over books, hour after hour, devoid of sound moral principles. "As a man thinketh in his heart so is he." What about strong drink? Is he safe? Here the speaker portrayed the dire effects and ruinous results of alcohol in the lives of otherwise promising young men, quoting the significant words uttered years ago by Dr. Justin Edwards, "The person who never drinks liquor can never become a drunkard" and though many addresses have since been given, many books written, we have never been able to get an inch beyond that excellent precept. Dancing was a popular pastime with some young people; and while it may not be grossly wrong in itself it frequently tended to create in the participant a dislike for spiritual things; and is dangerous inasmuch as it overheats and exhausts the vital forces. "Do you think there is any harm in dancing?" is a question frequently and anxiously put by lovers of the mazy pastime, which proves conclusively that there is a doubt in their minds as to its propriety, otherwise the question would not be put. A person never enquires "Is it right to attend a prayer-meeting?" because there can be no doubt in the matter. Hence it is a questionable amusement, and its nature and environments should be well weighed and pondered in the minds of young people before indulging in it. Profanity was another evil that should be discounted by all young men of good principles. Lastly, the all inclusive question, "If you are out of Christ are you safe?" Necessity of personal experience of godliness will assist us in determining this and all like questions. Why should young people hesitate to accept and proclaim their religious tendencies? as the time will come when it will be the only thing anyone will care to possess. It will not be known of any that they were rich and powerful, but the whole world will hear of Him who served God, etc. The sermon was listened to with the closest attention throughout. We sincerely hope that the wise words of counsel will be as seed sown in good ground, and that the young men and women of our community will play their part in life's battle in the fear and admonition of God.

Huron County Notes.

Clinton is to be lighted by electricity in a few days.

Wingham Spring Show will be held on the 15th inst.

There is a good opening in Cranbrook for a shoemaker.

Thos. Tipling, Clinton, sold a team of horses the other day for the sum of \$325.

Button & Fessant, Wingham, have on hand at present about 15,000 broom handles.

Gilbert Mair has sold his farm of 100 acres, on the 5th con. of Hullet, to Jas. Reyholds, for \$4,000.

John Beattie has rented his 100 acre farm adjoining Seaford for a term of two years to D. D. Wilson.

After about eight years hard fight with the devil, the Salvation Army of Blyth has thrown up the sponge.

Wingham merchants have agreed to close their places of business at 7 p. m. except Saturdays till the first of October.

John Fitzgerald, of Chiselhurst, has successfully passed his final examination at the Ontario Veterinary College.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Beid, who rank among Canada's leading artists, spent Easter with friends in Wingham and vicinity.

John Creaser, Owen Sound, and father-in-law of John Macwhirter, formerly of Clinton, has been appointed senior judge of the county court of Grey.

Geo. Green, Goderich township, rejoices in the possession of a calf ten months old that for some time past has given a pint of milk at each milking.

William M. Diamond, M. D., of Detroit, Michigan, was married to Miss Maggie Taylor, of Stanley, by the Rev. J. H. Simpson, on Tuesday, March 24th.

One day, recently, W. J. Dixon, living one mile south of Walton, got his hand caught in the grain crusher, losing two of his fingers and badly crushing a third.

The Patrons of Industry are making rapid progress in East Wawanosh. At their last meeting they got seven new members; they intend holding meetings once a week.

The Clinton New Era is defendant in a libel suit brought by one L. Beatty, of Varna. The case comes up at the forthcoming assizes. Bro. Holmes, you have our sympathy.

R. Adams, Londesboro, had the misfortune, while cleaning a revolver to have it go off, and the ball going in the first finger, breaking the bone, and coming out the palm of the hand.

Levi Scott, from Brussels, opened a new livery stable in Wingham last week. He intends to commence with six good horses, and keep only such rigs as will suit the travelling public.

Among the Western Ontario gentlemen who passed their examination at McGill College, Montreal, and are entitled to write M. D., M. C. after their respective names, is R. J. Gibson, Clinton.

Thomas Roe, one of Leadbury's horse breeders, recently sold a span of mares, receiving for them the sum of \$365. He has likewise sold an entire colt, three years old, for a very handsome sum.

James Newcombe, ex-treasurer of the township of Morris, is about to remove with his family to Newark, New Jersey, U. S. It is stated that Bushfield post office will be extinct after Mr. Newcombe leaves.

Messrs. Tobias Nash and Charles Wright, of the 2nd con., McKillop, were both unfortunate enough to have several fine sheep killed by dogs one night recently. Mr. Nash had ten killed and Mr. Wright two.

Some of the material to the Bank of Hamilton's new bank building at Wingham has been laid on the ground, and it is expected that work on the building will be commenced as soon as the weather will permit.

The old Wingham town hall was sold by P. Deans, auctioneer, the other day, to a syndicate of gentlemen, members of the I. O. G. T. lodge of Wingham, A. Dawson doing the bidding and having it knocked down to him at \$125.

Messrs. Charles Fraser and Malcolm McClarty, of Blyth, cut twenty cords of cordwood on the farm of Mr. Leadie, in Colborne, in eight hours and forty minutes. Where are the boys who think they can do anything with those fellows?

Finlay McEwen has sold his farm on the 2nd concession of Stanley, to his brother and neighbor, Duncan McEwen, for \$7,500. This farm contains 125 acres, and is one of the very best in the county of Huron. Duncan McEwen, the purchaser, will now have a beautiful farm of 250 acres.

Rev. H. Irvine, formerly of the Nile, was presented with a purse of \$36.75 on Tuesday, March 24, by his friends of Kippen circuit, to procure a watch. As this is the second presentation Mr. Irvine has received since coming to Kippen circuit, Chiselhurst having given him about \$30 worth of oats and potatoes in January, he is beginning to feel that he is amongst a kind and appreciative people.

Donegal.

D. Z. McClellan left on Wednesday to resume his studies at the Goderich High School.

The maple tree is being called on to furnish its quota for the support of humanity.

In the spring the young man's fancy lightly turns to courtship's hours, while the maiden's turns to bonnets trimmed with ribbons, birds and flowers.

Sneak thieves visited the barn of Samuel Vipond one evening last week and removed about forty-five bushels of barley from a bin in his granary, including a number of bags. The party or parties should be ferreted out and punished in order to preserve the good name of the community.

Perth County Notes.

Rev. J. Edmunds, the rector of Haysville parish, has resigned his charge there.

The return of Jas. Grieves as M. P. for North Perth was gazetted on Saturday, March 28.

John Briggs stable, Mitchell, was completely burned on Tuesday, April 7. His horse and carriages had a narrow escape.

Matthew Miller and Jas. Colquhoun, Gowrie, are busily engaged sugar-making. The former has some 250, the latter above 300 trees tapped.

E. Callander, Kirkton, has been successful at the recent examination of Toronto Veterinary College students. He purposes locating in Kingsville.

The Mitchell Advocate entered upon the thirty-second year of its existence last week. The men who brought it into existence are still at the helm.

At a recent meeting of the directors of the Blanshard Mutual Fire Insurance Co., P. S. Armstrong, the secretary, submitted 80 applications for insurance. This is a fine record for one month's work.

August Ahrens, Logan township, had the great toe of one of his feet almost amputated with an axe on Wednesday of last week. Dr. Smith removed a piece of the bone, and then patched the wound up.

Bowman Bros., of the 3rd line, Morris township, recently sold 19 fat steers for the May market, at 5c. a pound net. Messrs. Scott & Jones, of Listowel, were the purchasers. These cattle now average about 1,300 pounds each and will, by May, yield quite a fortune.

The Conservative Association of the South Riding of Perth will meet in Mitchell, on Friday, April 10, for the purpose of electing officers, and the transaction of other important business. Each municipality will be expected to send ten delegates, and meetings for their selection will be held in the different townships and towns on the Tuesday previous.

The alarm of fire was sounded on Friday evening, March 27, and the fire brigade speedily appeared on the scene, the stables of the Hick's house, Mitchell. The two large buildings were soon enveloped in flames and all efforts to subdue them proved futile, the two stables being soon reduced to ashes. The firemen worked nobly as did the citizens. The buildings were insured in the Perth Mutual, and one of the directors, Mr. Orr, came up a day or two after to adjust the loss. The leases of the hotel, Messrs. Potter & Finley, are put to no little inconvenience meanwhile for stabling.

The Listowel Fair Association is in a bad way financially. The property is mortgaged for \$3,300, and the payments and interest have fallen in arrears. Last year's money has not been paid yet, and several of the directors are on a \$300 note held by the Bank of Hamilton. The holders of the mortgage want it paid off, and the sheriff having taken the matter in hand, the guarantors have had to put up their own money to satisfy the legal proceedings. The association will be disbanded.

The Provincial Report concerning the working of the License Act has been received, and from it we make a few extracts that may be of interest. The total number of hotel licenses in operation in 1890, in South Perth, was 31 against 27 in 1889. There were four shop licenses issued in the same year against five in 1889. The proportion received by the Province for fees, fines, etc., in Perth in 1890 was \$2,678.57. North Perth contributed to the Government the same year \$5,545.98.

The respected subject of our notice was, to all appearances, in his usual health up to Friday, March 27. On that day, feeling unwell, he stayed at home. On the following day, Saturday, the disease, an affection of the liver, rapidly developed itself weakening the action of the heart and ending in death a little after eleven o'clock that night. Mr. Myers was born near Leeds, Yorkshire, England, in 1826, and came to Canada with his family in 1855, settling near Goderich and engaging with his late brother Robert in the tanning business. After a stay of four years in Kintail and 12 in Centreville, near Ingersoll, following the same business, he removed in 1871 to Stratford, where he remained engaged chiefly in the furniture business. Deceased leaves with his widow, three sons and one daughter, Robert H., John, Mrs. G. A. Powell and Joseph R., all residing in Stratford. Mr. Myers was a highly valued member and office holder of the Methodist church.