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NOTES FROM ENGLAND.
(From our own correspondent.)

Wool markets are now being held, though farmers do not seem over anxious to sell. Yet the prices offered are nearly double those of two years ago. The British market scale however, is weighted by various suppliers. When the balance stands in favor, should it not find appreciation.

Though June, heat has been somewhat deficient, oat and barley crops are fairly promising. Wheat is coming into ear at this date (30th). The young mangel plant has grown but slowly, as needing a higher temperature, and is somewhat backward. Swedes and turnips, where sown, have germinated well. Preparation of the land for these crops has been laborious, owing to the little that could be done on the land last autumn, through wet conditions.

During these last few days of June the click, click of the grass mower is the sound that breaks upon the rural stillness, and easily may making becomes general throughout the country. W. P.

RIDGETOWN'S BIG RACE MEET

Will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 24 and 25.

Preparations are now well under way for the grand summer meeting at Ridgetown Driving Park on Wednesday and Thursday, August 24 and 25 next, when \$1,200 will be hung up in purses for trotting, pacing and running races, as follows:

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24.
2:30 Class, Pace or Trot, \$200.
2:25 Class, 2:18 Trot, purse \$200.
One-half Mile Run (catch weight), purse \$100.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25.
2:30 Pace, 2:25 Trot, purse \$200.
2:17 Pace, 2:13 Trot, purse \$200.
Free for all, Pace or Trot, purse \$200.
Three-fourth Mile Run (catch weight) purse \$100.
Entries close August 17th and horses eligible up to that date. Music will be furnished and hand and there will be a balloon ascension each day. F. Gilbert & Co., the promoters, are sparing no pains to make the reduced rates on all railroads.

SPORTING NOTES.

At Chatham Friday the home lacrosse boys defeated a team from Brantford by 9 goals to 4 before 600 people.

At St Thomas Wednesday, the Chatham intermediate lacrosse team won from the home club by a score of 8 to 6.

Blenheim lacrosse club received their first defeat of the season Monday in a league game with Thamesville at the latter place, the score being 8 to 2. Ridgetown gave Thamesville a harder race than Blenheim, the score when the former team met being 8 to 5. In Monday's game, Grant, of Ridgetown, played with Blenheim and Morrison with Thamesville.

Bothwell Beats Ridgetown.

The Bothwell Tennis Club played a game here Wednesday in the Western Ontario League, defeating the locals by four events to two. This was the first loss for the home team this season. Morrison gave Puddicombe of Bothwell his first defeat in several years. Following were the scores: Morrison, Ridgetown, beat Puddicombe, Bothwell, 8-3, 6-3; McMerrick, Bothwell, beat Strickland, Ridgetown, 6-4, 6-6; Ellison, Bothwell, beat Riley, Ridgetown, 6-3, 6-1; Montgomery, Ridgetown, beat Kelly Bothwell, 6-3, 6-3. Doubles—Puddicombe and Ellis, Bothwell, beat Morrison and Strickland, Ridgetown, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3; McMerrick and Kelly, Bothwell, beat Montgomery and Ridley, Ridgetown, 6-0, 6-3.

A Fine Property Sold.

Walter Mills has purchased the Hagaman residence on Erie street south. The house is equipped with waterworks and electric light and is in a first class state of repair.

His Last Hope Realized.

(From the Sentinel, Gebo, Mont.)
In the first opening of Oklahoma to settlers in 1888, the editor of this paper was among the many seekers after fortune who made the big race one fine day in April. During his traveling about and afterwards his camping upon his claim, he encountered much bad water, which, together with the severe heat, gave him a severe diarrhoea which it seemed almost impossible to check, and along in June the case became so bad he expected to die. One day one of his neighbors brought him one small bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy as a last hope. A big dose was given him while he was rolling about on the ground in great agony, and in a few minutes the dose was repeated. The good effect of the medicine was soon noticed and within an hour the patient was taking his first sound sleep for a fortnight. That one little bottle worked a complete cure and he cannot help but feel grateful. The season for bowel disorders being at hand suggests this item. For sale by all druggists.

BLENHHEIM HOTELMEN

Appeal to Judge Anglin and May go to Higher Court.

Toronto, July 18.—The fight for the issuance of licenses in Blenheim, where the commissioners refused to renew any license in view of a popular vote favoring closing all saloons, although the council failed to act on the vote, has now assumed a new phase. Yesterday the Ontario license department was served with a notice intimating that application would be made to Judge Anglin on Wednesday to compel the commissioners for the county of Kent to issue licenses to W. J. O'Brien, of the Sheldon House; A. B. Vester, of the Vester House, and E. J. Buzzard, of the Erie House, the three licenses which have been refused.

The case will raise several new points of law, especially the one whether license commissioners have power, irrespective of any by law, to close all saloons in a municipality. It is probable that if the hotelmen fail in their application for a mandamus they may go to a higher court, and it is certain if the mandamus issues that the department will appeal.

THE PEACH CROP.

Chances Are Peaches Will be Dear.

Mr. George Rowatree, of Stanley street, has returned from a trip through the Leamington fruit district, and does not speak very encouragingly of the outlook for the peach crop. He says that many of the orchards have been almost completely killed out as a result of the heavy frosts of last winter, and that it is a common thing to see large orchards with perhaps not more than a dozen trees alive.

"The talk of a short crop of peaches is certainly not a joke in Leamington district," said Mr. Rowatree. "They have a new canning factory there, and I am told that whatever peaches may be produced this season will be required altogether for the canning factory. Shippers say there will not be a basket of peaches leave the district this year."

In past seasons a large proportion of the peach supply of this city has been received from Leamington, so that the housekeepers of London will be dependent upon some other source of supply for this season, if indeed, it be forthcoming at all.—London Free Press.

Sunday School Teacher Honored.

At the picnic of the Primary Class of the Methodist Sunday School held in Watson's grove on Wednesday last, Miss Haskins, the teacher, was presented with a ring and the following address, by the members of the class:

We, the children of the Primary Class of the Methodist Sunday School, who met today can call you our Sunday school teacher. You have always been our friend, you have always been our faithful teacher and we love you for it. We want to show you that we are thankful for your great kindness towards us, and while we know that we must do this by our actions and conduct towards you, will you accept this ring as a further token of our love and thankfulness to you. Do not think that this little gift in any way is able to show how much we love you, for it is only just a token. We will ever remember you when we are grown and we hope that your life will ever be happy and bright.

Dated at Watson's Grove, Ridgetown, July 13th, A.D., 1904.

Signed on behalf of the Primary Class by:
Rev. JASPER WILSON, Pastor.
L. J. REYCRAPF, Superintendent.
J. C. SMITH, Assistant Teacher.
The members of the class also wish to thank Mr. Watson very kindly for the use of his grove for the occasion.

The Local Markets.

The markets are very quiet at present, there being practically no grain delivered. Live hogs are quoted at \$5 per cwt. and wheat at 90c to \$1 per bushel. Merchants are paying 12c per pound for butter and 13c per dozen for eggs.

SALE NOW GOING ON.

John McCulloch Closing Out the Hagaman Stock at Half the Regular Price

Boots and Shoes

If you are in need of boots, shoes or rubbers now is your opportunity to get your supply at away less than wholesale price. If you are supplied it will pay you to put in a supply for the future, as no such bargains as these can be had after the goods are closed out.

Ready-to-Wear Clothing

The ready-to-wear clothing is made in the very latest style and equal in every respect to made-to-order goods, the only difference being that you get these goods at about one-quarter what you would pay the tailor.

Gent's Furnishings

In this department we can fill all your wants in the very latest patterns and styles.

John McCulloch, Prop.
THE OLD HAGAMAN STAND, RIDGETOWN

JUDGMENT RESERVED

In the Road Obstruction Case in Orford Township.

A Ridgetown correspondent writes the Journal: Justice Watson reserved judgment Wednesday in the case tried before him for obstructing Talbot street at the Gardner gravel pit. The first case was laid by Chas. Taylor against Commissioner Blue of the Orford council. The question in dispute arose from the fact that the township of Orford bought a gravel pit in the locality mentioned and to prevent the appropriation of the gravel by any or everybody that asked for it were granted permission to place a fence in the road allowance opposite their claim. The plaintiff, as pathmaster, claims an obstruction, as it was 17 feet in the road. Many witnesses in the immediate vicinity who gave evidence would not say that it was an obstruction, the rowl at the point in question being 56 feet in the clear. There are few places on the Kings highway where there are 56 feet of good first class road bed for traffic. Old settlers of this well known thoroughfare claim that it will accommodate all local traffic. From the evidence there must be something charged beside obstructing the highway before a conviction can be registered.

Severe Electric Storm.

Comber, Ont., July 18.—The most severe thunder storm of the season passed over this district this afternoon. About noon the heat was intense, the thermometers showing 90 degrees in the shade. This was followed by a heavy downpour of rain, which continued for more than three hours, and which was accompanied by hail, heavy peals of thunder and vivid strokes of lightning. Adam Fennie, a farmer living near the village limits, while in the act of putting up an eavetrough on his residence was struck by the electric fluid and lies in an unconscious condition at this writing. The Town Hall was also struck and one corner shattered. The damage will not be very heavy.

Disposing of the Hagaman Stock.

The Hagaman stock is being cleared out by the purchaser, John McCulloch, who has marked good down to half the regular price. The stock is new, fresh and up-to-date and affords a money saving opportunity that may never occur again. Call at the store and have your wants supplied. No trouble to show goods.

Scotland Defeats Blenheim.

Scotland defeated Blenheim at base ball at the latter place yesterday by a score of 8 to 3. George Laing pitched for Scotland, and after the second innings not a run was scored off his hand. For Blenheim, Wiser, of Highgate, pitched, and Huff, an Indian from Bothwell caught.

No man or woman will hesitate to speak well of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets after once trying them. They always produce a pleasant movement of the bowels, improve the appetite and strengthen the digestion. For sale by all druggists.

NOTICE.

Voters' List, 1904, Municipality of the Township of Howard.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I have transmitted and delivered to the persons mentioned in section 8 and 9 of the Voters' List Act and the amendments thereto, the copies required by said section to be so transmitted or delivered, of the list, made pursuant to said Act, of all persons appearing by the last revised assessment roll of the said municipality to be entitled to vote in the said municipality at elections for members of the Legislative Assembly and at Municipal Elections; and that the said list was first posted up in my office at Ridgetown, on the 30th day of July, 1904, and remains there for inspection.

Elections are called upon to examine the said list, and if any omissions or any other errors are found therein to take immediate proceedings to have the said errors corrected according to law.
Dated at Ridgetown this 30th day of July, 1904.
George McDonald,
Clerk of Howard.

John McCulloch, Prop.
THE OLD HAGAMAN STAND, RIDGETOWN

The Northway Co. LIMITED
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Millinery Bargains
If only ladies' straw ready-to-wear, all new shapes, in colored mixed straw and trimmed, sold regular at \$2.50 to \$3.50, your choice of the lot at 1.00
All Trimmed millinery at about half the regular price.

Cool Garments for Hot Days.

There never was a time when so much attention was given to comfortable summer garments for everybody as to-day. The ready-to-wear idea seems to have no bounds. Men, women and children all come in for a liberal share of attention. While we are somewhat accustomed to garments of all sorts for the grown-up folks, it is a pleasurable idea to be able to sell you many things that are ready for you.

Wool Delaines.
8 pieces wool delaines in cream and colored ground, neat small patterns, all pure wool. 31 inches wide, sold regular at 50c, very special at 25c
Dress voiles in cream, black, pearl grey and champagne, 42 inches wide, special at 50
20 pieces Japanese silk, taffeta finish, 27 inches wide, in every wantable color at 50

Ladies' Corsets.
Ladies' tape girdle corsets, straight front, well stayed and finished, very cool and nice for hot weather, sizes 18 to 24, at 50c
Ladies' net corsets for hot weather, made in two styles, medium and short, well stayed and finished, sizes 18 to 30, special at 50c
children's corset waist, made of fine quality jean, well stayed and finished, button back or front, all sizes at 45 and 75

Blouse Waists
Ladies' Japanese silk waists in white and black, fine tucked front and sleeves trimmed with medallions, very new and stylish, washable goods, all sizes, at 3.00
Ladies' white lawn waists trimmed with wide tucks back and front, hemstitched fancy collar, very new and dresy all sizes, at 1.00
Ladies' white muslin waists trimmed with wide lace insertion down the front and back, sleeves and collar very stylish, all sizes at 1.25
Ladies' blouse waists in high-class muslins, trimmed with embroidery front and back, very neat patterns and stylish, sizes 32 to 40, very special at 1.75, 2.00, 2.50 and 2.75

Gents' Goods.
Men's crash coats suitable for hot weather, in all sizes, good value at \$1.25, our special at 89
Men's black lustre coats, good black silk finish, well made and finished, all sizes, at 1.50, 1.75 and 2.00
Men's blue serge coats, made of extra fine quality English serge, hard, smooth finish, well tailored, all sizes at 2.50
Men's summer suits in extra fine tweed, smooth finish, light weight, just coat and pants, well tailored, all sizes, at 8.00

Wash Goods.
10 pieces fine quality English muslins in small patterns, good bright and dark colors, white ground with dimity cord, all good fast colors, at 10
15 pieces plain and fancy stripe chambray in grey, pale blue, pink, green and ox blood, good width and warranted fast colors at 12 1-2
2 only pieces black and white checked ginghams, extra fine quality, suitable for dresses, very scarce goods, wide width, at 12 1-2
10 pieces print in good choice patterns and colors, good washing goods, special at 6
10 dozen linen towels with red border and fringed, size 20x40, extra good quality of linen, special at 2 for 25c

Dress Skirts.
Ladies' top dress skirts in black cloth, light weight, lined, well made and finished, latest styles, different sizes, special at 2.50, 3.00 and 3.50
Ladies' fine dress skirts in fine smooth cloth, light weight, all new and stylish, all sizes, very special at 3.75, 4.50 and 5.00
Ladies' black mercerized underskirts, trimmed with four 2-inch frills and dust flounce, made of fine silk-finish mercerized, all sizes, special at 1.50

Shoes for Hot Days.
Men's canvas shoes, good leather soles, well strapped and stayed, all sizes, at 1.50
Boys' canvas shoes, well stayed, leather soles, sizes 13 to 5, special at 75c
Ladies' Oxford shoes, all new, up-to-date styles, patent leather toes, all sizes, special at 1.25, 1.50 and 2.00

Bath towels—15 dozen choice bath towels in plain and fancy colored stripes, in cotton and linen, all sizes at 12 1-2c to 1.00
Tea towelling in blue and white and red and white checks, good width, extra good quality at 6c

Print Wrappers.
Ladies' print wrappers in good bright and dark colors, waist lined and trimmed, collar and ruffle around yoke, wide skirt with deep flounce, extra good quality of print and warranted fast colors, all sizes at 1.00

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ROUTLEDGE & CO. have on sale a fine line of Songs, Waltzes and Two-Steps.
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