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The Season and Crops.

For the last month we have had steady and, in some cases, excessive rains. Some two weeks ago farmers were unable to plant their corn owing to this. Now, however, the crops have been got in, but if much more moisture comes the grain on heavy and low soils will be apt to rot. Some farmers in Elma township are replanting their potatoes owing to the land being drowned out, and the seed rotted. Of course all these heavy rains and wet soil shows the necessity of more thorough drainage. Where the water has lain on the land any length of time the blade of the grain has turned yellow, and some pieces of heavy fall are already lodged. The grass crops are heavy, and the pastures were never more lush; the consequence is there is a larger make of butter and cheese than usual. Should any kind of favorable weather prevail between now and the taking off of the crop there is going to be a splendid harvest. There has already enough rain fallen to tide the grain crops over until they are cut. Unless something unusual happens the danger of frost is now over, and if so there will be a large fruit and vegetable crop.

Representative Orangemen Meet.

SOUTH HURON'S GREAT DEMONSTRATION IN CLINTON.

South Huron semi-annual meeting was held in Clinton on Saturday. There was a very large attendance. The W. C. M. Bro. Todd, occupied the chair, and P. C. M., Bro. John Scarlett, the deputy. A committee of county members was appointed to meet in Clinton on Saturday next at two o'clock, to cooperate and act in conjunction with the local committee in completing the program for the 12th of July. W. Bro. J. Scarlett was appointed Chief Marshal for a day. A telegram was received from South Perth, stating they would join South Huron in Clinton on the 12th; a message was received from Elgin to the same effect; West Bruce will turn out to a man; North Huron will do its duty. An immense gathering is now assured. The program will be:—

Low railway rates.
Bands and children at half excursion fares.
Grand decorations and arches.
Athletic sports.
Good hotel fare at 25c a meal.
Keen lodge competitions.
Forming the Procession.
A brilliant display of banners.
The famous Doherty and other bands.
A short march—a long procession.
Comfortable speaking grounds.
Reception by Council of Board of Trade.

Great Speakers—among them the M.W. Gr. Master.
Magnificent display of fireworks, by Prof. Hand, of Hamilton.

Such a program should be satisfactory to everybody. The committee and other citizens are alive to the importance of the event, and Saturday's meeting indicates that the arrangements already made will be brought to a successful issue. The County Master was authorized to attend the M. W. Grand Orange Lodge meeting at St. John's, N. B., August 19th. The lodge closed about 5 o'clock, all resolved to make Clinton headquarters on the 12th July.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Deaf mutes will hold a convention in Toronto this week.

The University of Toronto has conferred the honorary degree of L. L. D. upon its Chancellor, Hon. Edward Blake.

The British Columbia elections come off to-day, (Friday). The Premier now is Hon. John Robson, formerly of Collingwood, Ont. He is an editor.

The Fort William Journal is published by Mrs. H. D. Lee—probably the only female newspaper proprietor in Canada. The Journal furnishes a good local page, and contains a large amount of interesting reading matter. Mrs. Lee was formerly a resident of London.

The statistical returns for June to the U. S. Department of Agriculture show an increase of acreage in cotton in nearly every state. The average acreage, as compared with the acreage of 1889, is reported to be 102; average condition 88.9. The fair price prevailing, with low prices for other products, stimulates the extension of planting.

It is rumored that the Grand Trunk Railway Company settled with the following additional Woodstock passengers who were on the train which went through the St. George bridge—Mayor Karn, \$5,000; Miss McLeod, \$1,500, and Hilton, \$600. The other cases have not been settled, and all the settlements are of course, conditional on the G. T. R. being declared liable.

Hon. Oliver Mowat, Premier of Ontario, who was in Rochester on Thursday to take his wife, who is an invalid, to Clifton Springs, was asked for his views of annexation. He said:—"There is no sentiment for it in Canada. The election of Sol White should not be taken as an indication of a desire for annexation. White himself says he is for independence and not for annexation. There is at present no great desire for a change in the political system of Canada, but if a change ever does come it will be from Great Britain's control, not annexation with the United States."

The Home Paper.

When you got married to the brightest and best girl in the county, where did you look for that notice that meant so much to you, and so little to nearly every one else? To your Home Paper.

When your home was invaded by the blue-eyed girl, or the bouncing baby boy, to whom did you make it your business to convey EARLY information as to the sex, the time and the weight? To the editor of that Home Paper.

In after years, when some manly young fellow takes the blue-eyed girl to a home of his own, or your once bouncing boy—now a man—is given a partnership in the store because he has just brought home somebody else's daughter and set up a house of his own, to whom did you personally exhibit the wedding presents and load up with the bride's cake, and to whom did you look for that complete description of the interesting event, down to the last pickle fork and individual salt, which, once more, means so much to you and a very few others, and so little to anybody else? To this same editor of that same Home Paper.

And when trouble comes in the home, and you add to your possessions that desolate bit of real estate—the lot in the cemetery, and somehow the sun doesn't seem to shine just as it used to, and there's the flutter of crape at the door, and the odor of tube rose in the front parlor, and the chair that has for years been beside yours at the bedside and opposite you at the table is vacant—when all this happens, who makes it his business to write in tender strain of the one whose life has grown to be a part of yours, and whose sympathy and good deeds to others have long been known and recognized, if never publicly announced?

The editor of the Home Paper; and he's only too willing to do the little that he can to help you over the hard spot in the road.

And all these years you've advertised in this Home Paper, and done what you could to help the editor fight your battles in municipal and county matters, and encouraged him as he worked to build up the town and bring business to it?

How is it? Have you?

Perth County Notes.

Perth County Council meets in Stratford this week.

D. G. McNeill, of Stratford, a student of the London Medical School, is teaching in S. S. No. 12, Mornington, till vacation.

Six children were baptized in Trinity church, Mitchell, 7th inst., between the Mitchell and Stratford teams which resulted in a victory for the former, the score being 6 to 0.

A foot ball match was played in the driving park, Mitchell, 7th inst., between the Mitchell and Stratford teams which resulted in a victory for the former, the score being 6 to 0.

The following Perth students have graduated at the Ottawa Normal school: Honor certificate—Mr. Macklin, Stratford. Honors in seasonal work and teaching—Mr. Robertson North Easthope; Miss Berry, St. Marys; Miss A. Donald, St. Marys; Miss Keyes, Logan; Miss McCloy, Mornington.

AUTUMN COURTS.—Chancery—London, Oct. 6; Walkerton, Nov. 14; Brantford, Sept. 30; Woodstock, Nov. 3; Stratford, Oct. 13. Justice Robertson will preside at Stratford. Assizes—London, Sept. 8; Woodstock, Sept. 18; Walkerton, Sept. 29; Goderich, Oct. 6; Berlin, Oct. 27; Stratford, Sept. 15. The Stratford sitting will be before Justice Rose.

Sir Joseph Hickson, of the Grand Trunk Railway, and staff have spent four days in Port Huron last week inspecting the tunnel which is now nearly completed. Before leaving an official order was given ordering the construction of another tunnel alongside the present one, work to commence at once. The cost will be between \$2,000,000 and 3,000,000.

Jacob Wilker, who resided in South Easthope, a short distance from Tavistock, was found dead Thursday morning of last week in a lane leading to his residence. Heart disease is supposed to have been the cause of his death. He attended a funeral at Tavistock Wednesday, and did not return home that evening. But as he had occasionally remained all night at the residence of his son, it was thought he had gone on this occasion. To the consternation of his family his lifeless body was found in the lane near his home next morning. He was a well known and highly respected citizen.

The Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec opened in Kingston on the 4th inst. Among those present were Rev. J. P. Gerrie and Rev. Mr. Day, Stratford. The report of the Union Committee was read and passed.

It stated that during the past year an unusual number of vacancies in the larger churches had occurred. Sunday school statistics were touched on, after which deputations and committee proceedings were set forth. Since eleven years back, when the Union first met in Kingston there was no Congregational churches in Manitoba now there are five. There was no Foreign Missionary Society; now there is one flourishing. There was a Woman's Board of Missions, and a college with a large number of students. The Union was in session several days.

Progress of the Sabbath School respecting our Nation.

INTERESTING PAPER READ BY W. R. ERSKINE BEFORE THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TEACHERS' MEETING.

Solomon was inspired to say in Proverbs that "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people," and notwithstanding that twenty-five centuries have elapsed since then, it is to be regretted that the world toward the attainment of this righteousness has been slow and halting. In truth many reasons could be given for this, but it is apparent to any reader of history that the great main cause is to be found in the substitution of human wisdom and knowledge for that unerring and infallible wisdom from above, that is able to guide with certainty all the affairs of life, as well with nations as with individuals. Think of the evils and misery, wars and bloodshed that have abounded to satisfy the ambition of rulers. We are as a people inclined to boast at times of the empire to which we belong, as an instance of the beneficial results of an open Bible and a free Gospel, and although we have much to be thankful for, yet is there not very much to humble us in view of our neglected opportunities, and the distance that yet lies between us and that righteousness that God would have us attain to as a nation? How neglected is the open Bible we boast so much about. How little is it known and studied by the great mass of our fellow-countrymen; and is it any wonder that unrighteousness and flagrant violation of God's word still prevail? The work of the Christian is, therefore, before him, and ever present with him. Christ says to all his disciples, "Son go work to-day in my vineyard," and the aim of all true Christian endeavor should be to permeate the nation with a knowledge of the Gospel and bring them into harmony with the Creator, so that all laws, all customs, and the whole economy of human life shall bear the impression of righteousness and truth. What part does the Sabbath school perform in this great work? Sabbath school work is one of the great elements which produces righteousness and exalts a nation. So important has it become of late years that the most learned, profound, and spiritual in the Christian church are realizing its value and devoting more of their time to the work. The Sabbath school has been a very neglected element in the past, and not until within our present century has it been fully appreciated as a powerful agent and accessory of the church. In this age of change and ceaseless activity, when every element of nature and every human device are made subservient to man's ambition; when extreme poverty on the one hand and laziness and indolence on the other are made pretexts for violence and the crimes of Socialism, Anarchy, and kindred evils which afflict nations, how necessary is it that the Christian church should be employing every element required to produce righteousness, and where can a whiter field be found than the harvest of thousands of children in our land. The Church of Rome asks only to have a child to the age of nine years to instill into it the doctrines of the Romish church sufficient to ward off the religion of any Protestant church. Why then should we loiter or be neglectful of our duty to instill into the youth the doctrines, graces and benevolence attending our church and which will in after years shine out in character and manliness radiant as the sun. First impressions are the most enduring, and the time to plant the seeds of eternal truth is when the heart and mind are most accessible. Childhood and youth then become a spring-time and if the work be done in God's own way ripen and later years will show the results in a citizenship that maketh for honor, justice and truth. Can we not talk from experience in this particular. Have we not the experiences of thousands who have been returned to Christ by the echo of some word dropped from a mother's lip or the example of a Christian father. The children of to-day are the men and women of to-morrow, and if they can be reached and instructed in divine truth then we have a substantial guarantee for the future of our nation. What greater satisfaction can there be than knowing that we have been instrumental in forming the character of the rising generation sufficient to meet successfully all the trials and experiences of life and it is our duty as Sabbath school workers as well as our great privilege to be faithful to this trust. Let us then remember that "Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come," and that Christ may have the heathen for his inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for his possession.

Sir John A. Macdonald did not vote in the Provincial election.

Rev. Dr. Lang of Dundas, was unanimously chosen Moderator of the General Assembly on Wednesday of last week.

A Tifis paper announces the discovery of a plant growing in abundance on the shores of the Caspian Sea, which is likely to prove a powerful rival of jute.

Leamon Omstead, of Leamington was lodged in Sanwich jail Wednesday of last week by Constable Jeffrey to stand trial on the charge of stealing a sewing machine from Lewis Wigle.

Mercier Wins.

The result of the general elections in the Province of Quebec is a victory for the Mercier Government. The returns up to date indicate a Government majority of between 25 and 30. The leader of the Opposition was defeated in Jacques Cartier. In Montreal the Government carried four out of the six seats. Mr. Beaugrand and G. W. Stephens are among the slain. The three Quebec City divisions elected Ministerialists.

LIBERAL GAINS. CONSERVATIVE GAINS.
Bellechasse, Hochelaga,
Drummond, Three Rivers,
Montmorency, L'Assomption,
Quebec County,
St. Sauveur,
Stanstead,
Terrabonne,
Nicolet,
Wolfe.

Eight supporters of the Government and two Oppositionists were elected by acclamation.

An Unfortunate Farmer.

COMMITS SUICIDE OVER LOSING HIS LIFE'S EARNINGS IN THE LILLICO BANK FAILURE.

The unfortunate man Francis Tone, who was found drowned in the King street subway Toronto, on Sunday morning, 15th inst., was a victim of the failure of Lillico's private bank three or four weeks ago. He was a farmer near Arthur and had a considerable amount of money in the Lillico concern. He was in negotiation for the purchase of a farm near Arthur. There was only \$50 between the sellers, a Toronto financial company, and himself. This difference kept them apart a few days too long and the bank's failure carried away the money that was to have paid for the farm on which his declining years were to be spent. Had he not hesitated over the \$50 his money would have been paid over, he would have had his land, and would now probably have been alive and in comfortable circumstances. The shock of losing his money unhinged his mind and he was being brought to the Insane Asylum when he escaped on Saturday night from the house in which he was being temporarily confined.

University Examinations.

We are pleased to see in the report of the examinations, just given at Toronto, that the Perth boys gave an excellent account of themselves. Walter E. Buckingham, Stratford, has brought high credit to himself by his diligence and ability as an athlete in the field of science, having not only in his course in political science, out of four departments, come off first in three and obtained first-class honors in the other, but has also the proud distinction of taking the first Blake scholar ship. Miss F. C. Idington, Stratford, being allowed her second year with second-class honors in modern languages. W. Brydson, Milverton, graduated successfully in arts. J. C. McClellan, Stratford, took second in mathematics and closely contested the scholarship which was carried off by Mr. Odell. S. Silcox was successful in the senior matriculation. At the medical examinations, as already mentioned, Messrs. W. Puge, Milverton, and R. J. Crystal, Avonton, obtained the degree of M. B. The second Blake scholarship was awarded to J. M. Godfrey of Belgrave. He is Walter Buckingham's room-mate—two clever boys. The Blake scholarships are awarded for proficiency in Political Science. R. S. Hamilton, Motherwell, and A. H. Nichol, Listowel, have obtained the degree of B. A., and Nelson Monteith, Downie, the degree of B. S. A., with honors in all departments.

The Law of Grain Testing.

An Order in Council has been passed by the Dominion Government abolishing the use of the gauger as an arbiter between buyer and seller. Thenceforward no special law will be applicable to the estimation of the weight of grain, and it will be for the buyer and seller to determine, by any method they may agree upon, the weight value of the product. At the same time prohibition will be operative against the use of the grain tester. For the private information of any individual, he may use it to check other estimators, but the showing of the tester will be no longer final in buying and selling grain. Other means of weighing must be adopted. The causes which have led to this change have been precisely those indicated in a recent despatch. It was believed that so long as the weighing vessel, holding one-sixteenth of a bushel, was honestly and carefully filled, it would accurately represent the grain, but it was shown that by manipulation the vessel could be so filled as to indicate a lower weight than it should. A slight error in the estimations, an error of an ounce for example, was multiplied sixteen times in each bushel, so that a cargo of wheat would be seriously depreciated. With the possibility of misuse and abuse, and the knowledge that litigation had already been incurred between buyer and seller, it was regarded as prudent to do away with the grain tester wholly. It is believed that farmers generally have an accurate idea of the weight of their grain, and will not lose in any way by the change which has been made.

Huron County Notes.

A large number of cattle were shipped from Clinton station the other day, the Messrs. Ransford contributing largely to it.

The service in connection with the induction of Rev. J. Fairbairn to the Presbyterian church in Dungannon, took place on Tuesday, June 3rd. Rev. R. Davidson preached.

The imported mare bought by Alex. Delgatty from Wm. Barrie, of Morris, and shipped to the West a few weeks ago to the purchaser, died a day or so after reaching her destination. It will be a heavy loss to Mr. Delgatty.

A meeting of the West Huron Farmers' Institute will be held in Londesborough on Thursday, June 26th. Among those who will be present to address the meetings will be R. W. Phipps, A. McD. Allan, A. Saunders and Mr. McMillan, Toronto.

The other day Robert McAllister, of lot 21, concession 7, West Wawanosh, measured some of his spring wheat, and found that it measured three feet. He also had clover which measured about twenty inches. The crops in this section are uniformly good.

Hail about the size of small marbles, fell in Clinton in limited quantities last Wednesday evening of last week. No damage done. In Colborne and near Goderich the hail was greater in quantity, and some of the congealed globules were four inches in circumference, doing considerable damage.

W. Dulmage, of Newbridge, East Huron, has done an immense amount of shipping this spring, shipping on an average six car loads of stock a week. Last week he shipped two car loads of fine cattle to the English market, leaving over \$3,000 in the pockets of the Minto and Howick farmers.

Mr. Groves, principal of the Wingham public school, will leave Wingham shortly. He goes to the Ryerson school, Toronto, as first assistant master. There were over twenty applications for this situation, but Mr. Groves was the lucky man. There are eighteen teachers in this school, therefore the first assistant must have his hands full of work.

A curiosity in the shape of a very old coin is now owned by the Session of the Presbyterian church at Walton. It was coined in Gaulsome time between the years 350 and 353 A. D. and during the reign of the Emperor Magnentius. This ancient monarch was born in the year 303 A. D., proclaimed Emperor at Antium in 350, and killed himself in 353. The coin is dark colored, about the size of an American cent, and bears on its face the side head portrait of the above named Emperor. It was given to the Walton Session by Thomas Warner, of Cohocton, New York, in exchange for a church token such as is used for church membership by the congregation.

On Tuesday night or Wednesday morning of last week a daring burglary was perpetrated at Joseph Morrow's store, Varna. The entrance was made by bursting the front door. The safe was drilled and blown open, scattering the contents over the floor. Fortunately Mr. Morrow had no money in the safe at the time nor any registered letters. The only money taken was a few dollars in American silver and some small change. There were also four silver watches and one revolver missing but it is impossible to tell what all has been taken. The safe is badly wrecked. There is no suspicion as to who the guilty parties are.

INDUCTION SERVICES.—The induction of the Rev. Mr. Needham to the pastorate of Egmondville Presbyterian church took place on Tuesday of last week. There was a large attendance of the congregation and others present. The Rev. Mr. McKillop presided. An able and appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Henderson, of Bayfield. Rev. Mr. Martin, of Exeter, addressed the minister, and Rev. Mr. Ramsay, of Londesboro', addressed the people. The ceremony was warmly welcomed by the new pastor and the members of the congregation. In the evening a social was held. The basement of the church was very tastefully decorated with flowers, &c., for the occasion. Refreshments in abundance, and of the very choicest character, were provided.

HURON AND PERTH CROP PROSPECTS.—HURON.—The crop prospects in this section are excellent. During the past two weeks there has been a wonderful growth, and spring and fall wheat and other grains have every appearance of having got good headway. The hay crop will be unusually large. Fruits of all kinds promise well, and fears from frost seem to be entirely dispelled. Last year our fruit crop was almost an entire failure, and it is to be hoped that the present good indications will have an opportunity to materialize. PERTH.—Of winter wheat there was full 25 per cent. plowed up and seeded with spring crop. Another 25 per cent. is in very poor condition, and where it was good there is considerable complaint that with the rapid growth during the past month it is very soft and beginning to lodge. We cannot have a crop much, if any, better than last year, or about 50 per cent. of a full crop. There is considerable acreage of spring wheat sown, but it has been so uncertain of late years that it is hard to predict what the crop may be. Peas, oats and barley are all suffering moisture, and a continuance of this weather will be disastrous, especially on low lands. The hay crop will be very heavy.