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Country Talk.

Seaforth.

John G. Wilson, of Seaforth, has been gazetted Lieutenant-Colonel of the 33rd or Huron Battalion of volunteers, in place of Lieutenant-Colonel Coleman, who retires retaining his rank.

One of the Seaforth census enumerators has come across a family of eleven children, the parents being married about fourteen years. It is almost unnecessary to say that they are of the Teutonic race.

Monkton.

The Monkton Cheese & Butter Co. are preparing for a large season's work, and we hope they will not be disappointed. All who send milk to the factory do well for themselves, as well as for the factory, and this section should be one of the best in Ontario. We understand the factory has only a small debt, which, if the farmers take hold as is their duty, will be freed before 1892. Alex. is a good cheesemaker, and if he gets the milk he will make a first-class article, which will bring a good price. Everybody take hold and make the industry a grand success.

Brussels.

T. J. Besset, organizer of Patrons of Industry for Huron county, is now working in this locality.

In future the 4th Division Court will be held on Tuesday instead of Thursday. The next court will be held on the 25th inst.

Farmers report fall wheat as looking exceedingly well. But a month or so of very treacherous weather is in store for it yet.

It is said that Postmaster Farrow has purchased the building now used as a flour and feed store and will remove the postoffice there during the year.

Messrs. Bawtinheimer and Edwards have leased the upper flat of the Wilson foundry and all the wood working machinery and are pushing work in that line.

T. A. Hawkins has been engaged as organist and choir leader in St. John's church, Brussels. His duties commence on May 17th. He is said to be a proficient musician.

The Standard Bank has opened an agency in our town. The office is in the Strachan block, and the agent is Mr. Scholfield, his assistant being Mr. Mudgett. They expect to do a good business.

W. C. Hartley has disposed of his flour and feed business in Brussels to R. King, of Bluevale, who took possession last week. Mr. Hartley intends leaving town and will try his fortune in Winnipeg.

W. M. Sinclair has let the contract for the erection of a two story brick veneer cottage to Messrs. Smith, Malcolm & Gibson, the building to be completed by July 1st. It will be 32x35 feet, interior finished in ash, and will have all the modern conveniences. The work will commence at once.

At the last meeting of the council a contract was made with the Electric Light Company, by which we are to receive light at the rate of \$40 per acre light per year, or about 11 cents per night. The contract to date from Jan. 1st, 1891, with option of continuing for 3 or 5 years. This is considered a good arrangement.

By vote of Melville church congregation and the consent of the session an organ will be used in connection with the service of praise on Sabbath evenings. Some of the old folk think "Icened" will have to be inscribed over the portals but we imagine they will be able to see shortly that the organ is a great acquisition to the public service.

As no satisfactory offer was made for the National Roller Mill a partnership is talked of between W. F. Vanstone and L. Hembly, of Salem, Ont. The present leasees, Messrs. Stewart & Lowick, give up possession on May 1st. Mr. Hembly was a resident of Brussels for a year or so some years ago, he and a Mr. Hawke running the former Vanstone grist mill. He is now in business at Salem.

Bornholm.

Miss Siebert is this week visiting friends in Baden.

Miss F. Horn is the guest of her brother this week.

Rob. Francis and Rich. Johnson, Mitchell, spent Sunday at Rob's home on the 12th con.

A by-law election was held in this township on Friday last, to ascertain whether the debt contracted last year should be payable in one year or six years.

Inflammation is quite prevalent around here at present. We regret to learn that Wm. Rose is very ill with it, but hope that with Dr. Hurlburt's care, he will soon be restored to his usual health.

Ethel.

Miss J. Bartlemen is visiting her sister in Toronto this week.

Peter Ducklow, of Toronto, spent Sunday with his parents on the 12th con. Grey.

Some of the farmers have commenced plowing. They are anxious to be doing something.

The roads are in a frightful condition—worse than they are known to have been for years.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McAllister are home again after spending a few weeks with friends in Kincardine and Galt.

We are sorry to state that Wm. Milne's head sawyer, John Elliot, is on the sick list. We hope to soon see him around again.

Turnberry.

Miss Esther Gemmill has returned from a visit to friends near Whitechurch.

One night last week T. K. Powell had a sheep killed and several others worried by dogs. No clue can be found of the dogs that did it.

On Thursday, 9th inst., while Gordon McKay was chopping in Mr. Campbell's bush he inflicted a serious wound in his foot with an axe, which struck the instep severing an artery and several sinews.

WHAT WE MAY EXPECT.—Roads to become dry.—Farmers to be very busy plowing and sowing.—An occasional wet spell.—To be nearly deafened by the music of the "Bull Frog Orchestra."

—Farmers selling all their spare grain while prices are good.—The people to be troubled by the persistent visits of peddlars with their cheap and inferior wares.

Trowbridge.

La grippe is prevalent in this neighborhood.

Quite a number of the children of this vicinity have had the measles.

Mrs. Geo. Allan returned home last week from Detroit where she spent the winter with her son.

Thos. Later is busy finishing up a number of buggies and also some wagons, which will soon be ready for sale.

Wm. D. Sutton left here last week for Cleveland, Ohio. We understand he has got a situation there and intends working at his trade.

John Coates and his sister-in-law left here on Thursday last for Oregon. If Mr. Coates is favorably impressed with the country out there he purposes taking up land and moving his family next fall.

On Saturday last four Listowelites sailed from Listowel to Ethel in their row boats. Near Trowbridge one of their boats upset and the gentlemen took a cool bath. One of them lost a good waterproof coat which sank to the bottom of the river.

Grey.

A number of the young of both sexes are going west, some to Manitoba and others to the States.

Miss Emmaline McQuarrie is taking a course at the London Business College, taking up shorthand and typewriting.

Miss Mary McCosh, who has been visiting her uncle, Jas. Turnbull, for the past few weeks, returned to her home near Kincardine. Miss L. Strachan accompanied her.

A special meeting of Grey Council will be held at Zimmer's hotel, Cranbrook, on Saturday the 18th inst., at the hour of 2 o'clock for the purpose of taking into consideration a certain By-law, numbered 284, for drainage, originating in the township of Elma and extending into the township of Grey. All parties interested are requested to attend.

On Tuesday evening, March 31st, F. J. Besset, Organizer of Patrons of Industry for Huron, paid his first visit to the township, by forming an association of Patrons of Industry at Shine's school house, with 13 charter members to be called the "Shining Star." Bro. Thos. Davidson, President; Bro. Thos. Calder, Vice President, and Bro. C. Bowerman, Secretary.

When will the township councils of Grey and Elma turn their attention to the removal of the jam piles filling up the Maitland river between cons. 4 and 5? Already there has been a deal of damage to the 4th con. at Duke's bridge necessitating a large amount of graveling to be done this spring. The high water is destroying our buttments as well as the bridge and the culvert is not long enough by 10 or 12 feet to take the water away.

At the last meeting of the Grey council the following pound-keepers and fence-viewers were appointed.—Pound-keepers—Thos. McEwen, Jacob Steiss, John Burton, Daniel Zimmer, Hartwell Sperain, John Harris, Wm. Beirnes, Mr. Jones. Fence-viewers—Alex. Ross, James Turnbull, David Dunbar, James Lindsay, Malcolm Lamont, Robert Bowen, Geo. Welsh, Uriah McFadden, Peter Sinclair, Jr., Wm. Fulton, Jr., Hartwell Sperain, John Stewart, John Whitfield, Jas. Oliver.

Elma.

Spring plowing has fairly commenced. Send 75 cents for THE BEE from now to Jan. 1, 1892.

Elma Council meets at Wynn's hotel, Newry, on Saturday, April 25th, at the usual hour.

D. M. Lineham spent the past week visiting his sister, Mrs. W. Mitchell, who resides at Palmerston.

Young and old alike are out with gun and spear after the pike which are said to be quite numerous this season.

We understand George Golightly will build an addition to his brick house this summer. Monkton is bound to go ahead.

A number of men engaged in Milne's saw mill, Ethel, have been at work rafting logs down the river during the past week.

Robert Morrison, who left here a few weeks ago, writes home that he is favorably impressed with the appearance of the prairie province.

James Holman, Monkton, is still improving and he thinks he may be able to do some spring work yet. We hope to see him around again soon.

David Wynn, of the base line, Blanchard, spent a few days with his cousin, C. J. Wynn, last week. He reports plowing in progress in Blanchard.

Adam Berlet, the Monkton shoemaker, is about buying the property in the north end of the village, owned by Mrs. Richard Cleaver. Success, Adam.

James Leonard is getting material on the ground for a new frame house to be erected this spring. "Coming events cast their shadows before," James.

Charles and Eccles Vallance have returned to Goderich High School, where they will resume their studies. The boys are workers and will no doubt show a good record at the July exam.

Dame Rumor says the 11th con. was about to lose one of its fair daughters, but the young intendee has taken his departure for the 8th con. Of course old Dame's stories are not always true.

Mrs. (Rev.) Brandon has returned home after attending the funeral of her mother, who passed away a fortnight ago after a brief illness. The community sympathizes with her in this hour of sorrow.

The parsonage trustee board of the Monkton Methodist circuit, bought from C. H. Merryfield the Foster property for a parsonage, which will be a very suitable place and can be made very attractive. Price \$575.

Mr. Reid, evangelist, who has been holding special meetings in Logan of late, preached to a large congregation in the Methodist church, Monkton, on Sunday, 5th inst. All were pleased with the sermon and speak highly of him.

Monkton is in bad need of a telegraph office or something to take its place. What is the matter with having a telephone from Monkton to Atwood? A good scheme, Charlie, but who will furnish the necessary toad skins?—ED. BEE.

We understand that the frost has done some damage to the 16th con. school house, which is only a few years built, and has caused the trustees some trouble to repair it. The cause of the damage is for the want of a proper outlet for the water from the foundation.

MARRIED.—Samuel Smith, 16th con., was joined in holy wedlock to Miss Jane Broughton, eldest daughter of Charles Broughton, on Wednesday, April 8th. Rev. Mr. Brandon tied the mystic knot. We wish the young twain many years of prosperity and wedded bliss. THE BEE is all that is needed now to fill up their cup of happiness.

AT REST.—Death is the most eloquent of all preachers. Though his invitations have so many common features, yet each case has its own lesson. Each new made grave is an opening into the world beyond through which those who remain behind catch glimpses of that land that is far off, and are reminded that here they have no abiding home. Each victor soul that passes in triumph over the narrow tide that separates earth from heaven gives us a fresh assurance that God's grace is sufficient for life's heaviest burdens. Each flower of hope and blessing that springs out of the ashes of decay is an additional pledge that our Father in Heaven can turn our bitterest trials into sources of spiritual benediction. Such may be said of the subject of this sketch, Mrs. Wm. Shannon, 8th con., whose spirit departed to the God who gave it on Wednesday evening, April 8th. Mrs. Wm. Shannon, whose maiden name was Miss Rosetta Fisher, was born at Vaughan, near Toronto, Oct. 14th, 1847, and was married to her surviving husband in 1866, unto whom were born fourteen children, ten of whom are living. Deceased was converted at a camp meeting, held at Trowbridge about twenty-six years ago, and from that time up to the time of death she lived a consistent Christian, whose earnest, unobtrusive life has been a blessing to her family and the community generally. She was a member of the Methodist church along with the other members of her family, and her absence at the means of grace will be much missed. The funeral, which took place on Friday afternoon, was one of the largest ever witnessed in this locality, showing in a marked way the love and esteem in which the deceased was regarded by all within the realm of her acquaintance. Rev. Mr. Rogers and Rev. Mr. Henderson conducted the burial service. May the God of refuge and strength sustain the sorrow-stricken husband and bereaved children in the sorest affliction that can befall the home with the blessed assurance that she has gone to be with Him which is far better.

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