

YOU CAN BUY
A Listowel Souvenir Spoon at Gunther's store. If you are going to buy a Watch or Clock come to me and you will be sure to get a good time piece at lowest price. My Fall stock is in. J. H. GUNTHER, Listowel.

The Bee.

If You have Anything that Needs Repairing
BRING it to Listowel, Gunther will put it in first-class order on short notice. Special attention given to fine Watches that other watchmakers have failed to make keep time.

VOL. 2. ATWOOD, ONT., FRIDAY, SEPT. 18, 1891. NO. 34.

The 28th Battalion.

Some Interesting Notes.

A BIT OF HISTORY.

THE 28th Perth Battalion, headquarters Stratford, was formed in 1862 during the Trent affair. Companies No. 1 and 2 did duty on frontier in 1866 and 1867 during the Fenian troubles. The remaining companies were formed in 1866. Nos. 3 and 4 in St. Marys, No. 5 in the township of Blanshard and No. 6 in Mitchell. No. 5 has since been transferred to Listowel and No. 6 to Stratford. The first commander was Lieut. Col. Servis, who was appointed Brigade Major in 1870. He was succeeded by Lieut. Col. Smith, who retired in 1891. Lieut. Col. Scott taking his place. He was succeeded by the present commanding officer in 1885. The Battalion, owing to many of its men being farmers, does not make as good a showing as usual, its strength in camp being about 200.

Lieut. Col. Richard S. McKnight is a soldierly looking and a good officer. He joined No. 3 Co., St. Marys, as corporal in 1866 on its first formation and served in every intermediate rank up to his present position to which he was appointed in 1885. He holds a first-class volunteer board certificate. The Colonel is a popular conductor on the G. T. R. from Stratford to Warton.

Major H. A. L. White joined No. 5 company in 1866 when it was formed in Blanshard, of which township, if a mistake is not made, he is a native, and has risen from the ranks up to the Majorship, to which he was appointed in 1882. He holds a first-class V. B. and a 2nd military school certificate. He practised law for some years, but is now postmaster of the town of St. Marys.

Major J. R. Hamilton, M. D., served on the frontier with No. 2 company in 1866, and was appointed Junior Major in 1885. He is the possessor of a first-class M. S. certificate, and has practised medicine in Stratford and recently in Atwood for several years.

Paymaster W. Lawrence, was appointed in 1881, and ranks as captain. He is a member of the firm of G. W. Lawrence & Son, barristers, Stratford, the senior member of which is City Treasurer.

Quartermaster George Beck, Stratford, after being a non-commissioned officer for several years was appointed quartermaster in 1887, with the rank of captain.

Surgeon W. T. Park, Listowel, was appointed in May, 1888, and assistant surgeon, D. D. Ellis, in March, 1891. The latter removed from the town of Essex to Stratford a short time previously. He is, however, a native of Perth.

Corporal Thomas M. Wilson, of No. 5 Company, Listowel, was appointed Corporal in 1891. He is quick and active, and his soldierly bearing admirably qualifies him for military life. He is a resident of Atwood.

Captain John L. Hotson, of No. 1 Co., Stratford, joined the company in 1870 as a private, and rose through several gradations to be captain in 1885. His qualifications are 1st V. B. and 2nd M. S. First Lieut. Sydney M. Johnson has just been gazetted, having previously held the position of second lieutenant. He has a second R. S. I. certificate. His successor previously is A. T. Macdonald, a member of the Stratford Beacon staff.

Lieutenant George Currie, of No. 5 Company, Listowel, joined No. 4 Company, Durham, 31st Batt., in 1866. He afterwards served three years as Sergeant in No. 5 Co., Brussels, 33rd Batt., and was appointed Second Lieutenant in No. 5 Co., 28th Batt., in August, 1891. He is a soldierly-looking fellow and an efficient officer. George is popular with the superior officers and the men of his company. He is doing a prosperous tailoring business in Atwood.

Captain George T. Cook, of No. 2 Company, Stratford, joined the Quebec Garrison Artillery as trumpeter in 1866, and served in the Fenian troubles, for which he recently received a medal. He went with the 2nd Quebec regiment to the Northwest in 1870 with Wolseley. He had been in the 28th Battalion since 1871, enlisting as a bandsman, and has gone through all the intermediate ranks up to captain, to which he was appointed in 1884. When the late Col. A. T. H. Williams, of Fort Hope, proposed to raise a contingent to fight in the Sudan, he wrote Captain Cook that if the Imperial Government accepted his services, he would allow the captain to raise a company in the county of Perth. He has 1st M. S. certificate. Lieutenant David J. Gibson has been connected with the company four years and was gazetted lieutenant in July, 1891.

No. 6. John is a printer. Second Lieutenant D. P. McNeill joined the company in 1885, and was appointed to his present position in 1889.

THE 28TH IN CAMP AT ST. THOMAS.

About 2 o'clock, Sept. 1st, the Perth Battalion turned into Lyhurst Camp grounds. About 6 hours later No. 5 from Lisotwel, under Capt. H. B. Morphy, arrived, the St. Marys companies having come on the same train as Nos. 1, 2 and 6 from Stratford. The tents were not pitched, so the first duty was to get ready to pitch tents. The preparations were made with despatch and in less than half an hour—taking the time for raising from the sound of the bugle—over 25 tent poles were in place. The officers and men belonging to D Company from London were loud in their praises over the active manner in which the 28th turned into camp. They said they have rarely seen such intelligence and such general activity displayed in the sometimes difficult business of properly pitching a tent. This is indeed high praise for raw recruits. After the arrival in camp Col. McKnight called out the troops and congratulated them on their splendid appearance. He cautioned every man as to the absolute necessity of good behaviour, and said he would rather see every civilian in St. Thomas under the influence of liquor than one soldier. They were marked men and they were asked to remember this by appearing at all times neatly dressed and so deport themselves that they would reflect credit on the 28th Batt. and the county from which they came. He next congratulated the officers and said he looked to them to make the battalion a worthy and successful one. He was more than pleased with the appearance and intelligence of the men and he was glad to recognize in the officers men of exceptional ability in whom he had every confidence.

Our battalion is camped immediately to the left of the brigade quarters, and the brigade officers are to be congratulated on having such an excellent battalion and especially No. 1 Company in such close proximity.

Your correspondent was honored with the presidency of the Officers' Mess, and Lieut. Gibson, of No. 2 company, with the vice-presidency, they being the junior officers. John Carey is the caterer to the 28th Batt. officers mess, and his efforts so far have been quite satisfactory. The Quarter Master Beck's efforts have not met with equal success on account of being hampered by dilatory local contractors, but the difficulty is being rapidly overcome. The Sergeant Major is our own well-known "Col." Rowland. On him devolves much of the work of instruction. He is a valuable and efficient Sergeant Major and much respected by his fellow officers.

Your correspondent was told by an old soldier from the regular army that Lt. Col. McKnight was one of the most efficient commanding officers in the Canadian militia and the most capable he had met with in his long experience.

Although a well-known figure in Stratford, comparatively few know much of "Col." Rowland's military history. We had him spinning yarns and bit by bit we got his life record. It is one to be proud of. He joined the regular army on the 9th of June, 1848, serving first with the 47th Regiment (the famous Lancashire cauliflowerers). With them he was stationed at many foreign stations. Was in Corfu in 1851, at Santa Mara in 1852-3, and also at Malta and Gibraltar. He has been through the whole of the Crimean war serving at the general engagements at Alma, Inkerman and Sebastopol. He afterwards served with the 53rd Regiment as senior color sergeant, and attained his discharge from the regular service in 1870. He has been the last several years, however, a member of the Canadian militia, acting as Sergeant Major of the 28th Battalion. His name has been published in the 47th Regiment orders and his bravery in rescuing a man named Townshend from drowning "at the imminent risk of his own life" is highly commended. He would have received the Victoria Cross if it had happened in the active service. He has the Crimean and Turkish medals. The Perth 28th Battalion are proud of him and he is a veteran well worth their admiration.

Col. Dawson, the paymaster for this military district, says that there will be about \$25,000 disbursed on account of the camp at St. Thomas. This does not include transportation. The pay roll of the battalions, in round numbers, is \$20,000, and it will take about \$5,000 to pay the contractors. The pay roll of the 25th, in round numbers, is \$2,000; 33rd, \$2,500; 26th, \$2,500; 24th, \$2,000; 28th, \$2,000; 30th, \$3,400; London Field Battery, \$1,000; the brigade staff, about \$1,000 besides regular pay. The staff of the different battalions receive the balance.

Capt. Morphy is lost without "Commander" Robb and persists in talking to prevent melancholia.

The officers are exceedingly temperate, but a craving for milk has exhausted the local supply and Caterer Corey had to go out five miles in the country to reach enough to meet the demand.

Surgeon Parke, of the 28th Batt., distances the whole brigade as far as good looks are concerned.

Lieut. Currie, of Atwood, is the quietest man in camp, unless, perhaps, Capt. Morphy (?).

Country Talk.

Monkton.

Mrs. W. R. Erskine, of Atwood, was visiting relatives in the village last week.

Our tailor, John Ullner, has decided to remove to Lisbon on the 1st of next month.

Adam Berlet's new house will be completed and ready for occupation before next month.

Miss Maggie Huggins has returned to Listowel to resume her studies at the High school.

The Board of Management of the Presbyterian church have decided to repair and in other ways repair their place of worship.

Thos. Scott, jr., left on Thursday last for Montreal where he will complete his studies with a view to entering the Methodist ministry.

The German church is to be opened on Sept. 20th. A brass band is to be in attendance and sermons are to be preached in both the German and English languages.

Our baseball boys won \$20 by defeating the Staffa club in Mitchell on Sept. 4. The game was the best ever seen on the Mitchell grounds, a fact which says a great deal for both clubs.

The Methodist tea meeting, on Sept. 8, proved to be an unusually interesting and profitable affair. After tea was served on the parsonage lawn an excellent program was rendered in the church. The proceeds netted \$53.

In last week's Stratford papers it was boasted that a load of flax weighing 4,450 pounds had been drawn into that city. Wm. Merryfield, of this village, has beaten that record by taking to the Mitchell mills a load weighing 5,050 pounds.

Listowel.

Robt. Hutchison, grocer, was down to his former home in Enniskillen last week.

12,587 boxes of cheese were offered at the Listowel cheese market Wednesday of last week.

The Central telephone office has made another change. It is now located at J. H. Gunther's jewelry store.

The Rev. Dr. Campbell and Rev. E. W. Panton, of St. Andrew's church, Stratford, exchanged pulpits last Sabbath.

The plum crop is a plentiful one in this neighborhood, and plum thieves are more plentiful than owners of gardens in town appreciate. Several parties have had their trees stripped.

F. E. Kilver, who has been connected with the Bank of Hamilton here for some years, latterly filling the position of accountant, is about removing to Hamilton, having been promoted to the head office.

A large number of sympathizing friends followed the remains of Charley Lavan, of Listowel, to the grave on Sunday, Sept. 6th. He died from inflammation of the bowels, in his sixteenth year.

The Council has appointed Abraham Hardman, the caretaker of the Public school, trustee officer for this town. His duty will be to see that all children of a school age, not otherwise incapacitated, attend school as regularly as possible. Boys caught playing truant will be summarily dealt with.

The Listowel flax mill is a busy spot at the present time. There is an army of spreaders at work in the fields. The yield this season is a large one averaging over two tons to the acre. Messrs. Livingston expects to take in about 1,200 tons at their Listowel mills, fully one-third of which, or over 200 acres, is their own growing.

At the Goderich Assizes last week the grand jury found a true bill against Chambers, the burglar, for shooting Constable Bulmer of this town at Clinton a few months ago, while the latter was attempting to arrest him. Chambers' counsel, however, was not ready to proceed at the present assizes, and the trial has been held over.

The new factory is making good progress at present. The brickwork of the first flat is nearly completed. At a meeting of the directors on Monday evening of last week the offer of Messrs. Goldie & McCulloch for supplying the boiler and engine was accepted. They will cost about \$3,000. The balance of the machinery and plant have not yet been purchased.

Andrew Yule, baker, has purchased the lot on the corner of Main and Wellington streets, east of the bank of Hamilton, from Thos. E. Hay, for \$600. We understand he intends erecting a brick residence thereon next spring. Benj. Rothwell, principal of the public school, has purchased the brick residence and property of Adam Hess, Main street, the price paid being \$2,800. Joseph Bonnett, of the firm of Bonnett & Bowyer, has purchased Mr. Rothwell's house and acre of land on Main street east, for \$1,000. The McKenzie property, near the brewery, was sold by auction on Friday, Sept. 4, J. H. McDonald being the purchaser, at \$1,575. We understand that he has since disposed of it to Thos. Ballantyne, cheesemaker for the 3rd line Wallace factory, at a slight advance. Edgar Hayden has, we understand, sold his house and lot on the corner of Inkerman and McDowell streets, to Miss Murray, a near neighbor.

Britton.

Will Hammond, of Warton, is spending a few days under the parental roof. If a couple of the 4th line farmers would remove the rails and other obstructions off the road it would not only look more respectable, but people would not be in so much danger of breaking their vehicles.

A thank offering in connection with the mission band will be held on Friday next, commencing at 7:30 p.m. A number of speakers are expected to be in attendance, and no doubt it will turn out a success. A collection will be taken up in aid of the band.

Elma.

Geo. Lochhead and wife are attending the Industrial this week.

Harvesting has been delayed by the wet weather of the past few days.

Lot 12, on the 6th con., was sold recently to Mr. McVittie, late of Hullett.

S. Shannon and Miss Joan Hamilton have resumed their studies at the Listowel High school.

A. BRG YIELD.—A. Baker, 8th con., realized 80 bushels of black oats from two bushels of seed sown. They were the Golden Giant variety. Mr. Baker is one of Elma's most prosperous farmers.

Those interested in the progress of the pupils of S. S. No. 8 will be pleased to learn that three candidates were successful at the entrance examination held in July. We wish them continued success.

Brussels.

Brussels rate of taxation for 1891 is two cents on the dollar.

P. Scott took his young Carlisle stallion to the Industrial last week.

Workmen are busy excavating on the Laird & Richards block this week. It is to be finished by Nov. 1st.

Jos. Clegg, who was committed by the local magistrates for assault on Jos. Scott, was fined \$20 and costs at the assizes last week.

W. F. Stewart has resigned his position on the council board on account of having left the village. Mr. Stewart was a good, careful councillor.

A. Currie moves this week to the building now occupied by the American hotel, where he will be until his new shop in the old stand is completed.

Mr. McGinnis, who bought out Geo. Baker's shop and stock, after having possession a week, backed out, and for so doing paid \$375. A rather expensive week's trial of business. The mistake was made in the price paid for both shop and stock. It is said Mr. McGinnis will remain and pack pork here this season in the old Holland shop.

Stratford.

There are eight barber shops in Stratford.

There was quite a large flock of ducks on the lake Sunday.

E. Sayers, wife and family, of Chicago, are visiting at the home of his father, Ald. Sayers, Norman street.

Stratford's fall fair is on Oct. 1st and 2nd. There will be dog races, pony races and a tug-of-war for a purse of \$100.

James Corcoran has sold the handsome residence on Church street, occupied by E. Sydney Smith, Q. C., to A. J. Hamilton for \$2,850.

H. F. Gadsby, B. A., has secured and accepted a position as classical master in the Pembroke school. He is a clever young man and well qualified for the position.

A Camp of the Sons of Scotland under the name of "The Fair Maid of Perth" has been organized in Stratford with the following officers:—Jno. Payne, chief; Hugh Nichol, chieftain; Alex. Ballantyne, recording secretary; James Hislop, financial secretary; J. Reid Stewart, treasurer; Rev. M. L. Leitch, chaplain; F. D. Hamilton, marshal; Alex. Maclellan, standard bearer; R. J. Gourlay, outside guard; Alex. Anderson, inside guard; J. L. Murray, piper; J. M. Mackay, past chief.

Ethel.

Joel Panabaker, of Hespeler, is renewing old acquaintances in this community.

John Slemmon leaves this week on a six weeks' visit to friends in Toronto, Newmarket and elsewhere.

Quite a number of our citizens are taking advantage of the cheap rates to the Toronto fair this week.

Charles Slemmon leaves this week for New York where he intends to push his fortune. Success, Charles.

The I. O. F. purpose having a social entertainment on Thursday night, 24th inst., in McAllister's hall.

There will be no service in the Presbyterian church next Sabbath owing to the communion service being held at the Cranbrook appointment.

The municipal collector will soon be presenting each of the ratepayers with a neatly prepared statement of this year's taxes and the time for payment. No one will be slighted.

Wm. Spence and Joseph Hemsworth have returned from their trip to Manitoba. They are highly pleased with the country, and think it just the place for the young man with lots of snap and go in him.

Logan.

Miss Levina Herbert has gone to the Industrial exhibition.

Mrs. Laughlin, of Niagara Falls, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Mark Edmondson, of the 5th con.

Four scholars from S. S. No. 8, Logan, Bushfield's school, are attending the Mitchell High school.

Heman Hurlburt, of Mitchell, filled Rev. Mr. Christie's appointment in Zion church, Staffa circuit, last Sunday evening, and preached a very good sermon to an interested audience.

Presbytery of Maitland.

The Presbytery met at Wingham, Sept. 8, 1891. Rev. R. S. G. Anderson, M. A., B. D., Moderator. A committee was appointed to prepare a minute regarding the death of the late Rev. G. Brown, of Wroxeter, to be submitted at next meeting. Messrs. A. McKay and John Archibald were appointed auditors. A petition from the congregation of Lucknow, asking leave to sell to the school board a strip of land adjoining the church, was granted. The resignation of Rev. D. Davidson, of Langside, was accepted, to take effect on the 1st of October. The charge is to be declared vacant on the first Sabbath in October. It was agreed to have the annual Sabbath school statistic reports printed and distributed among the Sabbath schools of the Presbytery. Applications for grants in behalf of aid-receiving congregations were re-affirmed. It was agreed to make application for Langside for two dollars per Sabbath during the vacancy. Messrs. J. S. Davidson and R. T. Cameron, students, performed the prescribed exercises, which were sustained, and they were certified to the Senate of Knox College. Knox church, Brussels, will be supplied by the Probationers' Committee in November. A letter was received from Dr. Cochrane, setting forth that \$900 for Home Missions and \$550 for Augmentation is expected from this Presbytery for the year. The holding of missionary meetings is left in charge of the several sessions. Committees were appointed to consider the Assembly's remits, and report at next meeting.

Additional Local Items.

ONE week more, and J. S. Gee's big sale will close. See his advt. elsewhere.

W. & D. LAMONT, of Listowel, offer some valuable horses for sale in this issue.

PROF. SHAW, of the O. A. C., will be one of the judges at the Minneapolis exposition.

SERVICE in the Methodist church next Sunday morning. The evening service is withdrawn.

MISS MAGGIE MITCHELL had the misfortune to run a hot poker into her eye one day this week.

THE "bold sowjer boys" returned from camp Saturday. The most of them were well browned up.

WORD was received stating that H. Hoar and W. Humphrey arrived at Glasgow safe and sound.

JAMES STEWART, we regret to report, is very weak and by no means out of danger. Drs. Rice and Rutherford are attending him.

CALL at Lamont's musical emporium when in Listowel, and see the Hoerr piano, one of the finest instruments in the Canadian market.

"You needn't open
 Your mouth so wide";
 The dentist rema'ked;
 "I'll stand outside."

THE Rev. Prof. C. H. Newman, L. L. D., D. D., of McMaster University, Toronto, will preach the anniversary services of the Baptist church next Sunday at 3 and 7 p. m.

Now that the fair season will soon be here, every farmer should lay his plans to make an exhibit. He should study the matter and determine to take something if it is not more than a fine sample of his best wheat. Perhaps something from the garden are worth having other people look at; peppers, pears, plums or the like. The thought of losing the prize should not be uppermost. Help to make the fair large and valuable. Take an interest and the day spent at the fair will be one of profit because you are part of it. If you cannot beat your neighbor strive to eclipse your record of last year. That will mean progress, and success is the twin sister of progress.

A BRAIN TWISTER.—The Fireside Weekly is offering great cash prizes for the solution of their poetical puzzle. Three hundred and fifty dollars are offered every week, divided as follows: First prize, \$150; 2nd prize, \$75; 3rd prize, \$50; next fifteen, \$5 each, \$75. These prizes are given to the first correct answers received each week, beginning Monday, Sept. 21, and ending Nov. 30th—the prize list beginning over again every Monday morning. In addition to this \$50 will be given away to the first correct answer received each morning, and to every fifth of those not securing cash rewards a handsome silver gypsy kettle with stand, valued at \$6, will be given. Each solution must be accompanied by \$1 for six months' subscription to Canada's popular story paper. For full particulars buy a sample copy from your newsdealer, or send 5c. to The Fireside Weekly, 9 Adelaide Street West, Toronto.