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PERTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

JOHN SCHAEFER, REEVE OF SOUTH EASTHOPE, ELECTED WARDEN, UNANIMOUSLY.

The first meeting of the Perth County Council was held on Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 20th. On the roll being called all the members responded to their names, as follows:—Downie, O. Smith, A. Moses; Ellice, F. Ruston, J. P. O'Brien; Logan, T. Coveney, G. Eisler; North Easthope, J. A. McMillan, J. A. Fraser; South Easthope, J. Schaefer, D. Youis; Blanshard, W. Hutchings, D. Johnson; Fullarton, G. Leversage, J. Jackson; Hibbert, A. McLaren, T. Ryan; Mornington, W. Freeborn, J. Grieve; Elma, R. Cleland, W. Lochhead, T. Hammond; Wallace, G. V. Poole, A. Kennedy; Mitchell, S. R. Stuart, I. Ford; Listowel, S. Bricker, Dr. Parke; Milyerton, J. G. Grosch.

ELECTING THE WARDEN.
The first business was the election of warden. The following were nominated: John Schaefer, reeve of South Easthope; S. Bricker, reeve of Listowel; R. Cleland, reeve of Elma; W. Lochhead, deputy-reeve of Elma; G. V. Poole, reeve of Wallace. Mr. McLaren and Mr. McMillan strongly advocated the claims of their nominee, Mr. Schaefer. All the other nominees manifested a friendly spirit toward Mr. Schaefer by withdrawing in his favor, and he was declared elected by acclamation. Having made the usual declaration, the warden-elect thanked the members of the council for the honor conferred upon him. He had been a member of the county council for 16 years, and that was the first election of warden by acclamation. He assured the members he would endeavor to discharge the duties of the position to the best of his ability and judgment.

COUNTY OFFICERS.
The county officials were appointed thus, most of them being re-elected: Clerk, Wm. Davidson; Treasurer, A. Montelth; Auditors, James Jones and G. G. Ewart, the latter the warden's nominee; jail surgeon, Dr. Shaver by a majority over Dr. D. B. Fraser and Dr. Ellis; trustee for Listowel high school, Dr. Dingman; high school trustee for Mitchell school, Capt. Francis, of Fullarton; county solicitors, McPherson & Davidson; auditors of criminal accounts, the reeve of Hibbert and the county clerk; road inspector, J. Corrie; caretaker, F. Brounson; messenger, W. Blair.

A special committee was nominated to strike the standing committees.

After adopting the usual motion in relation to town line grants, the council rose for the day.

SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY.
The council resumed at 9 o'clock all being present.

On motion of Messrs. Grieve and Cleland, it was resolved that all petitions and motions for money grants shall be submitted on the first day of any session of the council, and not later.

On motion of Messrs. McMillan and Fraser, the county treasurer was requested to submit a statement of all moneys still due by municipalities on account of the rate of 1890.

The clerk was directed to procure a copy of the municipal manual for each municipality, the cost to be paid by the treasurer.

On motion of Messrs. McLaren and Ryan, the inspector of roads was instructed to inspect a bridge on the town line of Hibbert and Tuckersmith, and after the inspection of them make repairs or build a new structure if necessary.

On motion of Messrs. Lochhead and Coveney, a committee was appointed to draft a memorial to the Legislature setting forth reasons why it is absolutely necessary to make certain amendments to the Drainage Act and the Ditches and Watercourses Act, in view of making these acts more practicable to work under, and also to secure justice to all parties concerned without so much danger of litigation, which is proving so ruinous.

STANDING COMMITTEES.
The special committee—Mr. Leversage, chairman—reported the following as the standing committees for the year: County Property—The warden and Messrs. Leversage, Cleland, McLaren, McMillan, Freeborn, Poole and Coveney.

Finance—Leversage, Cleland, Bricker Poole, Smith, Hutchings, Freeborn, Ruston, McLaren, McMillan, Stuart, Coveney.

Roads and Bridges—Coveney, Grieve, Kennedy, Hammond, Johnson, Jackson, Fraser, O'Brien, Youis, Grosch, Ryan, Ford, Park, Cleland.

Education—Lochhead, Coveney, Leversage, Ford, Parke, and Poole.

The report was adopted.

THE DECEMBER SESSION.
A debate took place on a motion of Mr. McLaren to dispense with the December session, on the score of economy. Finally the motion was withdrawn until the June session, when the mover promised to re-introduce it.

NINTH BRIDGE.
The reeves of Mornington moved for a committee to act with the representatives of Mornington in ascertaining

what share of the cost of erecting a bridge over the Nith at Poole the county should bear. Messrs. Leversage and Smith in discussing the motion gave the experience of their respective councils in building new bridges—they had built many within the past few years. Messrs. Freeborn and Grieve strongly supported the motion, the latter suggesting that the reeves of Fullarton and Downie should be members of the committee. Mr. McLaren showed that Hibbert had built within the past few years a number of new iron and stone bridges at an even cost of \$800. He opposed the motion, Mr. Cleland supported it. On a vote being taken the motion was carried by a majority of three, and the following named as the committee: Messrs. Cleland, Leversage, Coveney, Bricker and McLaren, to report at the June session.

In amendment Mr. Stuart moved, seconded by Mr. Ford, that Messrs. Cleland, Leversage and McLaren compose the committee—a small committee preferable on the score of expense. Mr. Grieve would prefer a committee of five. On a vote being taken the amendment was carried by 16 to 11.

The council adjourned till 9 Thurs day.

THURSDAY—LAST SESSION.

The council resumed at 9 a. m. The special committee—Mr. Coveney, chairman—appointed to consider amendments to the Drainage Acts, reported a memorial to the Legislature, suggesting certain amendments. The report was adopted.

The report of the finance committee—Mr. Leversage, chairman—was adopted. It related to a few accounts submitted.

On motion of Messrs. Grieve and Leversage, the reeves were asked to prepare a statement of all bridges in their municipalities, when and of what constructed, and report at the June session.

On motion of Dr. Parke and Mr. Johnson, a grant of \$100 was made to the 25th battalion to assist them in procuring helmets.

The Huron council, by telegraph, asked the co-operation of Perth council to memorialize the Government to appoint a railway commissioner to regulate traffic, etc., on railways. The council gave an affirmative answer.

That ended the business and the council rose.

Our Canada.

After publishing a series of interesting sketches of England and the principal cities of the continent of Europe, the Rev. Dr. Withrow, Editor of the Methodist Magazine, sums up the whole with the conclusion that there are worse places than Canada. We quote in brief:—"East or west, Home is best." One of the chief pleasures of going abroad is that of coming home again; and a most important lesson is that no land furnishes happier conditions of existence than our own. Beautiful and picturesque scenes may be seen in Germany, Italy, France, and England, but for abundant cheer and social enjoyment Canadian homes are without a peer on earth. Good food and plenty of it, are the first physical conditions of happiness, and these almost every Canadian may possess. Throughout Europe the peasant populations are ill-fed, poorly housed, and coarsely clothed and to one accustomed to Canada, their pitiful economies are a strange surprise. I have seen scores of women carrying great loads of hay on their heads, on mountain paths so steep that I found it difficult to make my way with an alpenstock. I have seen a village the only access to which is by ladders fastened to the cliff. I saw an old woman carrying large stones on her head from a quarry. I have heard of a woman and a cow harnessed to a plough, and I have seen a woman and a dog harnessed to a wagon. The beauties of the Rhine may be marred by the spectacle of gangs of women unloading military stores, while in the adjoining barrack yard five thousand soldiers are polishing their bayonets and pipeclaying their belts. In Britain the poor man is sadly handicapped in the race of life, and in cities the drink curse inflicts its tyranny to a degree unknown here. If the assertion be true that a civilization depends on its physical development, we should develop on our virgin soil one of the noblest civilizations the world has seen. The very sky seems several stories higher than in the Old World, the air is more exhilarating, and the climate unequalled in its ministry to health and pleasure. Untrammelled by the fetters of the past, with its almost boundless extent and inexhaustible resources, Canada offers to its sons a fairer heritage than is, I think, to be found elsewhere on earth.

Land of my birth, Where'er I roam, whatever climes I see My heart untravelling fondly turns to thee.

New York Sun: It is not a secret that Stanley has been grievously disappointed in his lecturing tour. His manager had expected that he would make an unprecedented success, and that he would enjoy a triumphal progress through the country. But somehow or other things have not gone according to anticipation. In not a few cases the audiences have been slim, the receipts light, and the enthusiasm rather tame.

Parliament Dissolved

The Sixth Parliament of Canada Ended.

NOMINATIONS ON FEB. 26TH; POLLING ON MARCH 5TH.

The Sixth Parliament of Canada is at an end. Acting on the advice of his responsible Ministers, His Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to dissolve the House of Commons and issue his writs for a new Parliament. Nominations take place on Thursday, Feb. 26th, polling on Thursday, March 5th. The writs are to be dated February 4th, and made returnable on April 25th.

In view of the foregoing important statement, the question will naturally be asked, What are the reasons which have induced the Government to appeal to the country at the present time? It is understood that the Dominion Government have, through Her Majesty's Government, made certain proposals to the United States for negotiations looking to an extension of our commerce with that country. These proposals have been submitted to the President for his consideration, and the Canadian Government is of the opinion that if the negotiations are to result in a treaty which must be ratified by the Parliament of Canada, it is expedient that the Government should be able to deal with a Parliament fresh from the people rather than with a moribund House.

It is understood that Canada will send a delegation to Washington after March 4th, the date on which the life of the present Congress expires, for the purpose of discussing informally the question of the extension and development of trade between the United States and Canada and the settlement of all questions of difference between the two countries. This delegation will visit the United States capital, it is said, as the result of a friendly suggestion from Washington.

Donegal.

SCHOOL REPORT.—The following is the report of the Donegal public school for the month of January: Fifth Class—Charles McFarlane, E. J. McClellan, Ellen A. Johnston, Senior Fourth Class—Duncan McKenzie, Louis Wilson, M. E. McCourt, Junior Fourth Class—Thomas McFarlane, Elizabeth McFarlane, Rebecca McFarlane. Senior Third Class—John A. Matheson, Robt. Barton, Ettie Capling, Maggie Cooper, John McKenzie. Junior 3rd Class—Willie S. Buchanan, Sarah McNichol, Frank Wilson. Promoted from Part I. to Part II, First Reader—John Buchanan, Effie Buchanan, Albert Hopson, Maud Barton, Mary Hemphill.

DIED.—On Monday afternoon of this week Wm. Flood, one of our oldest residents, passed away after a brief illness of two weeks. For some weeks he complained of feeling poorly, but nothing serious was anticipated until about two weeks ago when typhoid fever set in, and in spite of the best medical skill and nursing death claimed its victim. Deceased was highly respected in this locality, and his family, a wife, three boys and five girls, have the entire sympathy of the neighborhood in their hour of deepest sorrow. The subject of this notice was about 54 years of age. The funeral which was largely attended took place on Tuesday afternoon, interment in the Donegal cemetery.

Listowel.

A convention of the North Perth Reform Association will be held in the Town Hall, Listowel, on Feb. 11th, at 1:30 p. m.

Electric light is being again freely discussed in town. Representatives of the Reliance and Ball Companies were in town last week.

Andrew Little, G. T. R. agent here, has been sick in bed for three weeks, with a complication of troubles which seem to be baffling the doctors, and at the present time is very low.

During the past week our streets have been well filled with farmers' teams laden with wood, grain and other products of the field and forest. The sleighing so far this winter has been only occasionally good, consequently, the farmer has to take advantage of every fresh fall of snow.

The first meeting of the Public School Board was held on Wednesday of last week. J. C. Burt, the only new member this year, took the declaration of qualification of office. Andrew Little was re-appointed chairman, W. E. Binning, secretary, and the various committees were also appointed.

The High School here has become so crowded with pupils that the board has been compelled to engage another teacher. Some ten applications were sent in. The choice fell on G. A. McGee, of Uxbridge, who is an honor graduate of Toronto University. This will raise our school to the position of a four-master school.

The anniversary services in connection with Knox church, last Sabbath were well attended. The Methodist church withdrew its services in the evening in order to give the people an opportunity of visiting their Presbyterian friends. Rev. J. L. Murray, M. A., of Kincardine, preached good sermons and gave his lecture on Monday evening entitled, "My travels through Italy," which was very interesting. The collection amounted to \$80.

Molesworth.

An old-fashioned tea meeting was held in the Methodist church, here, on the 29th ult. Revs. Livingstone and Stevenson gave good addresses and the choir of the church furnished excellent music. Proceeds \$54. Owing to the inclement weather it was decided to hold a second one on Monday evening, 2nd inst. Rev. Mr. Rogers, of Atwood, came to our help and delivered a splendid address on the "Gospel of health." Mrs. Rogers rendered two solos and the choir several selections. Rev. A. Stevenson also gave a short address.

Turnberry.

Wesley Bently and Miss Lena Bently, of Blyth, were visiting friends here last week.

Geo. Bently, of Denver, Col., spent a few days here visiting friends and the scenes of his former life. He has not changed much since he left some two years ago. George is of the opinion that Uncle Sam's domains far excel Canada in giving a start to young men of energy and ambition. This is no doubt true as his own experience at school teaching and business, as well as that of many others, has proven that there are greater chances to rise in the States than in Canada.

The annual tea meeting in connection with the Congregational church, held Wednesday, Jan. 28th, like all preceding events, was a decided success. The weather and sleighing were all that could be desired as was shown by the number who attended. An excellent supper was heartily partaken of after which the intellectual feast began. The Misses Watson and Mr. Scott, of Wingham, furnished the music which was much appreciated. The several vigorous addresses which kept the audience in convulsions of laughter. Proceeds amounted to \$60. A social was held on the following evening for the S. S. children.

Ethel.

Reeve Milne was defeated by one vote for the Wardenship.

Mrs. D. Badgley's father and mother spent Sunday in town.

Albert Keffer, of Port Huron, is renewing old acquaintances here.

The good sleighing of the past week has made business quite lively in this place.

Mr. McCurdy and family have moved to town. They will occupy a house just east of the school.

Mrs. Henry Keyes returned home after having spent a month in New York and other American points.

Miss Louie Sherlock and Aaron Cober are attending the Listowel High School. They come home every Friday evening.

A tea meeting is being arranged for by the Methodists, to be held in their church on the evening of Feb. 12th. A grand tea and program may be looked for.

Robt. Lang met with an accident last Saturday while working in the saw mill here. A strip thrown by the cutting saw struck him in the mouth, cutting his lips badly and breaking his front teeth.

Wm. McLeod has wearied of bachelor life and has taken to himself a life partner. We hope they may long be spared to enjoy the blessings and sunshine of wedded life and that all their troubles may be little ones.

Ethel L. O. L. sent a delegate to Belgrave to attend the County Lodge of North Huron. He reports Orangeism in a prosperous condition at present in that county. It was decided to celebrate the coming Twelfth of July in Brussels.

Huron County Notes.

John Campbell and Laughlin Campbell, hotel-keepers of Gorrie, were fined \$20 and costs, respectively, for selling liquor on election day.

Thos. Lapslie, Seaforth, was last week offered and refused \$500 for a yearling entire colt. This colt is a full-brother of one which Mr. Lapslie sold a couple of years ago to Mr. Bishop, of Strathroy, for \$400.

One of those happy events which characterize and help to break the monotony of our otherwise quiet winters, occurred at the residence of A. Longley, Howick, on Wednesday, the 21st ult., at 5 o'clock p. m. The occasion for this friendly gathering was the marriage of Miss Mary Longley, eldest daughter of Andrew Longley, to Webster D. Lamb, teacher, of Yoevil, near Mount Forest. The marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev. M. C. Totten, Congregationalist minister, Salem.

At the meeting of the County Council, on Tuesday, Jan. 28th, the principal interest centered, as it usually does, in the Wardenship election. Mr. Beck, reeve of Colborne, and Mr. Milne, reeve of Grey, were the candidates. Upon the ballots being counted Mr. Beck was declared elected by a majority of one, 25 voting for Mr. Beck, and 24 for Mr. Milne. The successful man was the candidate of the Conservatives, and it was almost a straight party vote. The Conservatives have an actual majority of two in the council, but the reeve of Wingham, who is a Reformer, was sick and unable to be present, so that two who are supposed to be Conservatives must have voted for Mr. Milne.

Additional Local Items.

ASH Wednesday—February 11.
From all accounts more buildings will be erected here the coming summer than ever before.

JOHN GRAHAM was in Mitchell last Saturday on business in connection with the flax mill.

Of every 1,000,000 people in the world 800 are blind, and the other 999,200 cannot see their own faults.

THE MARKETS.—In response to the request of a number of our farmer friends we have decided to publish the Toronto grain and live stock markets in addition to our local market from week to week. We purpose making the market report a leading feature of THE BEE in the future, and pains will be taken to have them carefully corrected on Thursday morning of each week. The quotations will be thoroughly reliable.

MISSION BAND.—At the last meeting of the W. F. M. S. of the Presbyterian church, it was decided that a Mission Band should be organized in connection with the Auxiliary, when the following officers were elected: President, Miss Lizzie Graham; 1st Vice-President, Miss Annie Dunn; 2nd Vice-President, A. Priest; Secretary, Miss Jennie Harvey; Treasurer, Miss Jennie Peebles. The Band will meet on the last Saturday of each month until further notice. The next meeting will be held on Feb. 28th.

Perth County Notes.

The Motherwell congregation voted organ or none. The organ carried by a sweeping majority.

Malcolm Cameron, one of the Anderson sportsmen, shot a large owl which measured 6 feet 6 inches from tip to tip of extended wings.

Richard Horn, blacksmith, of Whalton, has sold his shop and residence to Wm. Hodgins, for the sum of \$900, and has rented the shop vacated by Mr. Wilson in Granton.

Another old settler gone. J. Hawkey died at his home in the north ward, Mitchell, last week, in his 84th year. He has been a resident of Mitchell and Fullarton over 30 years.

Fullarton council has appointed the following officers: John Cole, sr., treasurer; Alex. Bothwell, collector; Richard Francis, assessor; John Wilson, clerk; William Sterritt and John H. Keeler, auditors.

The lumber for the new church, Anderson, is being hauled this week, the other material being on the grounds. Mr. Roadhouse, who has got the entire contract, purposes commencing early in the spring.

The Stratford Water Supply Co. expect to have their new Worthington pump in operation before the end of the month. It has a capacity of 2,000,000 gallons per diem and will cost \$6,000 and has all the latest improvements.

On Sunday morning of last week when J. T. Brine, East Mitchell road, Blanshard, went out to feed his stock he found that four sheep had been taken from one of his pens. Further investigation disclosed the fact that they had been killed in the pen, as was shown by the blood on the ground.

One day recently a young man, D. McNam, of Logan, was riding on horseback along the concession; the horse became frightened, ran away, threw the rider off and against a barbed wire fence. The man was badly shaken up, his face was scratched and one of his ears was completely cut in two. Dr. Smith stitched up the wound, but Mc declares that he has one whole ear and two half ears.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The deposits in the Post Office Savings banks of Ontario for December amounted to \$528,618, and the repayments to \$666,552.

The Minister of Agriculture has decided to send four hundred bushels of "prize prolific" barley to England to be made into ale in one of the leading breweries, with a view to testing its quality in that direction. The 400 bushels to be sent were collected from all over the Dominion.

Cast iron bricks are noted as a late German invention. They are hollow with very thin shells, and are to be laid without mortar; grooves and corresponding ribs hold them together, assisted by two hook-sharpened lugs in each brick. The outside surfaces are to be heavily painted. The advantages claimed are that they are lighter than ordinary brick, make a house cool in summer and warm in winter, and they readily admit of being taken down and used in other structures without requiring skilled labor.

A deputation of prominent temperance workers waited on the Attorney-General Tuesday last to ask amendments to the liquor laws. In reply Hon. Mr. Mowat said:—"I have listened with great interest, as I'm sure my colleagues have also, to what you have been saying. We must also bear in mind that neither the Province nor the Legislature is composed wholly of temperance people, and we cannot legislate as we might do if the case were otherwise. But we have hitherto done what we could in the direction you wish and in the future we shall continue to do what we can to abate the evils of intemperance."

The Descent of Man.

The editor of the New York Times is in a quandary. Being of a philosophical turn of mind, and scientific withal, he has been endeavoring to harmonize all the facts with the modern theory which teaches that man is an evolution from the lower orders of being.

"If then—and it seems impossible to escape the conclusion—none of man's ancestors or cousins, or distant relatives of any sort, and in any degree, show any sense even of the ludicrous, which is one of the commonest traits of human beings from philosophers to Hottentots, how, on the lines of evolution, are we to account for the presence in man of the highest forms of wit, for the most brilliant repartee, for the epigram? Intellect itself is easy enough to account for in the evolution way, since its germs are everywhere and scattered all through the lower, though perhaps not through the lowest, forms of life.

Her One Pleasures. Fair Visitor—"Dear Mrs. Bearuppe, I am delighted to see you so cheerful, in spite of your husband's failure."

A Happy Reply. Miss Wryface, who is cross-eyed, stubborn and has large red freckles—"I met you two years ago, Mr. Readywit, but of course you have forgotten me."

Sad Deception. "Have you parted from that grass widow?" "Yes. We have said farewell forever."

CANADA TO THE FRONT.

Not Behind the Rest of the World in the Importance of Discoveries for the Benefit of Mankind.

The civilized world has recently been deeply agitated over the announcement that Dr. Koch, an eminent German physician, had discovered a lymph for the cure of consumption. This discovery has been heralded throughout the world, and is looked upon as one of the greatest achievements of modern medical science.

Her Mistake.

"How do you tell when there is any gold in this funny-looking stone?" asked the dear girl who was being shown around the mine by an official.

"Why, we smelt it," he replied. Holding it to her pretty little nose, she remarked very innocently: "Why, I smelt it, too, but I don't see anything about it—Why, what are you laughing at?"

A Timely Suggestion.

Ingratiating visitor—"That's a very bright boy of yours, Mr. Stryker. I just met him as I came in and I thought he had a very bright look."

A Call Upon Shakespeare.

Blinkers says Shakespeare has correctly delineated the seven ages of man, and he would like for him to depict the more numerous ages of woman, especially of his girl, who has given him more than fourteen different ages of herself.

He Struck it Right.

Newcomer—"That was a starving good sermon Mr. Youngparson preached this morning."

Squarehitter—"You've struck it right; it was fished out of his father's barrel."

Didn't Use One There.

Tramp—"Don't call me lazy, madam. I assure you I take great pleasure in using the pick."

Lady—"Well, there's one in the barn you can use to clear the ice from that path."

Tramp—"It isn't the right kind, lady."

Lady—"Why, what kind of a pick do you mean?"

Tramp—"A toothpick."

A Youthful Question.

Bobby—"Pa, was Eve made from Adam's rib?"

Pa—"Yes, Bobby."

Bobby—"Say, pa, is that the reason why women are so fond of ribbons?"

Two Professions.

"You never can object to my arm round your waist,

And the reason you'll readily guess; I'm an editor, dear, and I always insist On the 'liberty of the press.'"

"I'm a minister's daughter, believing in texts,

And I think all the newspapers bad; And I'd make you remove your arm, were it not You were making the waist places glad."

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Every base occupation makes one sharp in its practice, and dull in every other.

Ladies who suffer from foul breath, the result of catarrh or cold in the head can obtain speedy relief by the use of Nasal Balm. It never fails. Try it.

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Health and a vigorous appetite regained, by using Adam's Tutti Frutti Gum. A delicious and healthful confection. Sold by all Druggists and Confectioners. 5 cents.

There are secret ties, there are sympathies, by the sweet relationship of which souls that are well matched attach themselves to each other, and are affected by I know not what, which cannot be explained.

If your children suffer with "snuffles" use Nasal Balm. It will give instant relief and save the little ones much suffering. Sold by all dealers. Try it.

The Emperor of Germany was 32 years old on Tuesday.

The Head Surgeon.

Of the Lubon Medical Company is now at Toronto, Canada, and may be consulted either in person or by letter on all chronic diseases peculiar to man. Men, young, old, or middle-aged, who find themselves nervous, weak an exhausted, who are broken down from excess or overwork, resulting in many of the following symptoms: Mental depression, premature old age, loss of vitality, loss of memory, bad dreams, dimness of sight, palpitation of the heart, emissions, lack of energy, pain in the kidneys, headache, pimples on the face or body, itching or peculiar sensation about the scrotum, wasting of the organs, dizziness, specks before the eyes, twitching of the muscles, eye-lids and elsewhere, bashfulness, deposits in the urine, loss of will power, tenderness of the scalp and spine, weak and flabby muscles, desire to sleep, failure to be rested by sleep, constipation, dullness of hearing, loss of voice, desire for solitude, excitability of temper, sunken eyes surrounded with LEADEN CIRCLES, oily looking skin, etc., are all symptoms of nervous debility that lead to insanity and death unless cured. The spring or vital force having lost its tension very function wanes in consequence. Those who through abuse committed in ignorance may be permanently cured. Send your address for book on all diseases peculiar to man. Address M. V. LUBON, 50 Front St. E., Toronto, Ont. Books sent free sealed. Heart disease, the symptoms of which are faint spells, purple lips, numbness, palpitation, skip beats, hot flushes, rush of blood to the head, dull pain in the heart with beats strong, rapid and irregular, the second heart beat quicker than the first, pain about the breast bone, etc., can positively be cured. No cure, no pay. Send for book. Address M. V. LUBON, 50 Front Street East, Toronto, Ont.

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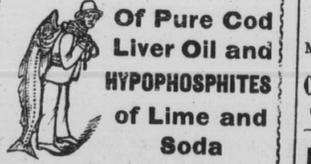
The world is a comedy to those who think a tragedy to those who feel.

The Witty Irishman. when told by a doctor that his liver was almost gone, said, "Faith, it's glad I am, it's allers bothered me!"

The liver, more than any other organ, is the index of the body. With a morbid liver the whole system is out of gear! Most powerful for the restoration of this "citadel of health," is Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. Its action is direct, prompt, effectual! Recommended by eminent physicians, it has gained a universal reputation as the "Great Liver Regulator!" Correct the liver and you cure many ills! The "Golden Medical Discovery," is warranted in all cases of liver disease and blood disorders to benefit or cure, or money promptly and cheerfully returned.

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R. S. PELTON, EDITOR.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1891.

GRIT OR TORY--WHICH?

The Stratford Sun and Listowel Banner are at loggerheads respecting THE BEE editor's political persuasion. The former sets us down as a Grit of the first water, in an editorial last week, winding up with the following war whoop: "We can well imagine what a hullaballo would have gone up if a Tory printer had made such a mistake." The same week editor Climie, of the Banner, takes his Tory friend to task for publishing such a libel on the Grit party, and gives the Sun to understand that "Friend Pelton, of THE BEE, is and has always been an undoubted Tory." We are more than little amused at the speculation indulged in by these over-zealous political martyrs. Surely "someone hath blundered?" Where friend Climie got his startling information regarding our political faith is a conundrum to us and to our readers as well. For fear any further dispute should arise on this point we will relieve those who are in doubt by a true statement of our attitude in the political arena. We have taken a purely independent standpoint in politics as in everything else, not for policy but from principle. To think and act independently is a sacred birthright of man and a prized liberty of the press. We are determined during our journalistic career to "hew to the line, let the chips fall where they may." THE BEE is the organ of no party or clique, but the exponent of the people. Truth, justice and equality must ever be the governing principles of this journal.

PARLIAMENT DISSOLVED.

The sixth Parliament of Canada has been dissolved by His Excellency the Governor-General, and writs issued for a general election. Feb. 26th has been fixed for the nominations and March 5th for polling day. The question naturally suggests itself, what are the reasons which have induced the Government to appeal to the country at the present time? The Empire submits the following explanation: "It is understood that the Dominion Government have through Her Majesty's Government made certain proposals to the United States for negotia-

tions looking to an extension of our commerce with that country. These proposals have been submitted to the President for his consideration, and the Canadian Government is of the opinion that if the negotiations are to result in a treaty which must be ratified by the Parliament of Canada, it is expedient that the Government should be able to deal with a Parliament fresh from the people rather than with a moribund House. It is understood that Canada will send a delegation to Washington after March 4, the date on which the life of the present Congress expires, for the purpose of discussing informally the question of the extension and development of trade between the United States and Canada, and the settlement of all questions of difference between the two countries. This delegation will visit the United States capital, it is said as the result of a friendly suggestion from Washington."

However some may differ from the Conservative organ, it is quite evident that the trade question is agitating the minds of the Canadian people to a greater or less extent, in brief, some definite action must be taken by the Government of this country respecting closer trade relations with the American Republic. The McKinley tariff is largely responsible in bringing about the present dissatisfied state of trade, the vigorous protection policy being looked upon by many Canadians as a grave and serious blow to inter-commerce, and hence it has been deemed advisable to dissolve Parliament that the proposed negotiations to result in a treaty may be ratified by a Parliament fresh from the people. What policy the Government will adopt in reference to this trade matter is at present unknown, but we are disposed to believe that a Free Trade policy will form a plank in Sir John's platform in the near future. This is what the Reformers have been and are at present agitating for under a different name, and which many of the Conservatives have long hoped for. But the difficulty has hitherto been on the other side of the lines. A vigorous protective policy has been enforced to the letter by the United States for years,--years when our ports were open to their commerce free of duty--until the Dominion Government regarded it unfair for the Americans to tax our goods while we admitted theirs free, hence the adoption of a protection policy known as the National Policy. Now we do not believe in making flesh of one and fish of another,

in other words, if one country insists on imposing duty on the produce of another, then both should be entitled to the same privilege. Free Trade with the United States would be hailed gladly by both parties, and if the Americans will abolish the McKinley and all other tariffs, by all means let us throw down the bars of protection and admit free and unrestricted reciprocity. Other international questions are hanging in the balance at present, which must necessarily be settled by the new Parliament, the pros and cons of which will be fully discussed in the coming general campaign.

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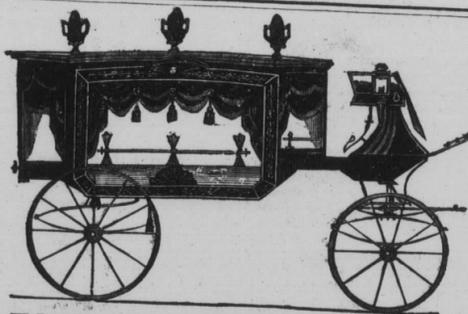
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Town Talk.

The minutes of the Perth County Council appear on the first page of this issue.

C. W. ST. CLARE, the genial clerk behind Jas. Irwin's counter, returned home last week from a pleasant visit to friends at Lindsay and Toronto.

Rev. M. J. TOTTEW, of Wrexeter, spent Sabbath with Rev. Mr. Rogers and preached an excellent discourse on the occasion of the Quarterly meeting. Look out for big spring announcements in these columns shortly. By reading carefully the advertisements from week to week you may save many dollars in a year.

J. L. WILSON has been engaged to take charge of the school in Morris township, vacated by Mr. Burke, owing to the latter's illness. Jim is a capable and reliable young man and will no doubt render a good account of himself.

The Toronto News Co. will accept our thanks for a copy of the Souvenir of Canadian Statesmen. It is beautifully and artistically gotten up and reflects credit on the enterprise of the News publishers. The Bank of Hamilton, Listowel, will also accept our acknowledgement for one of their calendars for 1891.

"In all the talk of African explorers," said one of Stanley's late assistants the other day, "one hears nothing of George Grenville, the missionary now in London. After Stanley, Grenville has done more than any other one man to clear up the geography of the Congo region. He has steamed far up the tributary streams and made accurate maps of the country. After Grenville's white wife died, as all white women die in the Congo, he married a negress. She had been educated at a mission school, and was not unattractive. She was well received in London, and her parti-colored children were objects of much curiosity."

HONORED.—The Mitchell Advertiser of last week, has the following to say of a banquet tendered to one of our much-esteemed citizens:—"Joseph McCoy, the popular and obliging proprietor of the Royal Mail line of stage coaches from Mitchell to Atwood, was banqueted at the Hick's House on Friday evening last by a few of his many friends. Joe was taken by surprise and almost broken up at such an outburst of kind words as were thrust at him, and so many kind expressions of regard, backed up with a magnificent spread of good things to sharpen the appetite and strengthen the government contractor or bore up remarkably well, taking all in good part, and in his own humble way, thanked the boys for their expression of the esteem in which they held him. The menu was excellent; the company jovial, and all voted the popular stage manager a jolly good fellow." Mr. McCoy is well worthy of the honor thus paid him by his many Mitchell friends.

The figures composing the year 1891 when added to the lowest term become 1. The total 1891, is divisible by 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 14, 15, 21, 27 and 30, with a remainder of 1 in each case. It is divisible by 31 and 61 without a remainder.

The following are the officers of the Atwood Lodge, No. 193, I. O. G. T., for the present quarter:—C. T. J. W. Ward; V. T. Miss B. Priest; Chaplain John Hoar; Secretary, P. Priest; Assistant Secretary, Miss A. Robertson; Treasurer, W. Ward; Marshal, J. F. Wilson; Deputy-Marshal, Miss E. Robertson; Guard, Miss M. Bristow; Sentinel, W. Hume; P. C. T. A. Holmes; L. D. R. B. Hamilton. A literary and musical entertainment will be held at an early date.

LEAVING TOWN.—The Rev. D. Dack has accepted a call to the Baptist church, Simcoe, and left for that town on Wednesday with his family. During his residence in town he has gained the regard not only of his congregations here and at Atwood, but of all classes in town. He has been a good citizen, active in any work for the town's advancement in public or private. On Tuesday evening members of his congregations waited on him at the church and spent a social evening there. The following address was read:

To the Rev. David Dack:
DEAR PASTOR,—During your four years' pastorate of the Listowel and Atwood Baptist churches you have earned by your faithful doing of our Lord's work, by your cordial, helpful and cheerful bearing towards us all, and by your unassuming yet sterling Christian character, the love and respect of your congregations. We feel that it is due largely to your energetic efforts, that we are able to worship together in this comfortable and commodious house of the Lord, which we trust may long stand as a mark of God's blessing on your labors in his vineyard. In parting with you we wish to assure you of our good wishes, and ask your acceptance of this purse as a mark of our appreciation of your work and our good will toward you and yours. We earnestly ask the Lord to prosper you wherever he may find work for you to do.

Signed in behalf of the Listowel and Atwood congregations,

WM. HEARD,
SINGLETON WILSON,
and others.

Mr. Dack made a feeling reply. He is leaving town with the good wishes of all.—Banner.

THE TREAT OF THE SEASON.—The date for the agricultural concert has been fixed for Monday, Feb. 16th instead of the 13th, as announced in our last issue. In addition to the stars of the evening, W. E. Ramsay (gold medalist) and Miss Sena Ramsay, Toronto's solo pianist and vocalist, an array of the best local and district talent has been secured for the occasion. As the management have spared nothing in making this the most talented musical and literary treat of the season, and as the object is to liquidate the remaining debt on the hall, the farming community, especially, should manifest their interest in the work of the Society by their presence on the above evening. A uniform admission of 25 cents will be charged. An index of what the public may expect we refer them to the press notices from the following places:—

Barrie—"Ramsay has been here too often to write him up. Suffice it to say that he gets better each time he comes, and retains that same voice that has made him so famous. Miss Sena Ramsay quite fascinated her audience with her singing, and her piano solo received a well-merited encore."

Brockville—"To W. E. Ramsay is clearly due the credit of the hits of the evening, and in our opinion this gentleman is likely to be seen and heard here again."

Stayner—"As soon as Ramsay appeared it was evident we were in for a musical treat. He has a very fine melodious voice, a good presence and a splendid conception."

Guelph—"Mr. Ramsay was down on the program for three pieces, but nine was what the audience demanded. Whether in comic, recitation and song, in character and in dramatic pieces, acting and voice are ever at his control."

Stratford—"Mr. Ramsay lost his baggage, and without a sheet of music he gave his program, which was a masterpiece. Ramsay, lose it again."

Lucknow—"The star of the night was Ramsay, whose fine voice and gorgeous costumes sent everyone home lauding his praises."

Stouffville—"Ramsay, the champion comic, certainly won his title again last night. The audience would not let him go until he had appeared twelve times."

Uxbridge—"It was hard to say who carried the honors—George Fax or W. E. Ramsay. Still there is only one Ramsay, and he is immense."

Teeswater—"W. E. Ramsay won for himself rounds of applause. He showed that nature had endowed him with a voice, rich, full and mellow, and art had perfected nature's gift."

Peterboro—"Mr. Ramsay's selections and work are the finest we have ever heard in Peterboro. A good singer with handsome costumes and delightful songs."

Watford—"Miss Sena Ramsay made her first appearance here last evening, and by her rich musical treats sent the audience away singing her praises."

Hespeler—"Miss Ramsay ably assisted Mr. Ramsay with her songs, duets and piano selections. She is a born musician, and we predict for her a great future."

The bright and catchy music by these artists is favorably commented upon by the Toronto Daily Press. See program for full particulars.

Mrs. Wm. Wilson and daughter Ada spent a few days visiting friends in Cranbrook last week.

THREE or four cords of dry hardwood wanted at this office. Wood from these in arrears or new subscribers will be very acceptable.

THERE will be two eclipses of the sun and two of the moon in 1891. The only one visible in Canada will be a total eclipse of the moon on November 19th.

SATURDAY evening R. Parker arrived home from a three weeks' visit to old friends in Oxford Co. He was shown much hospitality by those he visited. Miss Parker, who accompanied her father, will probably be home this week.

AMONG those in correspondence with the Dominion Government with a view to securing a pension is a man named Ryckman, of East London, who was engaged in transporting supplies at the battle of Jundy's Lane. He is about 90 years old.

MANY journalists throughout the Province will hear with regret of the death of James M. McLearn, the talented city editor of the Toronto World, which occurred there last week after a short illness. Deceased was a bright and rising newspaper man.

Who says the press is not doing its duty? The editor of the Pontiac Advance took his family to the photographer the other day, and that useful member of society looked upon a wife and thirteen children as he pressed the button before the editor's eyes.

The last lecture evening will be held in the Methodist church on Friday, Feb. 13th, at 7:30. Rev. W. E. Hincks, L. L. B., A. Henderson, M. A., and the pastor, will speak on "The Nationalities." It is expected there will be a good attendance as this promises to be the most entertaining of all, and that is saying a good deal when it is remembered the universal satisfaction given by the last. Admission 10 cents.

The Postmaster-General has written W. M. Sinclair, that the petitions from Brussels concerning extra mail service on the W. G. & B., Southern branch have been received and will receive careful consideration. We wonder if all the towns and villages along the road have taken action in this matter? Now is the time for Listowel, Atwood, Henrity, Ethel, Bluevale, Wingham, Whitelock, Lucknow, Ripley and Kincardine to make a move if they desire additional postal facilities.

PROF. SHAW, of the Ontario Agricultural College, says that the four avenues most open to increase in agricultural production are beet-making, cheese production, mutton production and butter-making. Each of these industries may be almost doubled, which means that the best trade could be made to bring in from \$8,000,000 to \$10,000,000 annually, and the cheese trade could be made to bring in \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000 annually. Here is a direction in which the farmers can work with success. The best of everything and the most possible of it, should be their aim.

By a late return from the Department of Inland Revenue, we glean that there is abundance of evidence to show that mustard, as sold in Canadian markets, is largely subjected to adulteration—in fact it may be said that it is never sold pure. Some people assert that the public have come to understand that it is just as well that this state of affairs should continue to exist, and that so long as the mustard contains nothing injurious, and is marked or sold as "compound," the public have not much to complain of. Mustard as sold contains either flour, gypsum, tumeric, terra alba, rice, cayenne, or buckwheat. All these foreign substances are not to be found in mustard, but one or more of these ingredients will be found in almost all the mustard sold by shopkeepers.

OXFORD'S FIRST CHEESEMAKER.—Elder Topping, one of our oldest residents writes as follows:—"The honor of making the first cheese belongs to a lady now living in Woodstock. About the year 1824 or 1825 that lady, now so widely known as Grandma Burch, was married to the late Deacon A. Burch. She was then quite young and had been in the country but a few years. As she had a number of cows she conceived the idea that she could make them profitable by making cheese, so she gathered up what little information she could from older women, for almost every farmer's wife made a small quantity for their own use, and set to work with 12 or 14 cows and succeeded well, so that for several years her cheese supplied nearly all the demand in Hamilton and Dundas. I think that as I write from personal knowledge, I am safe in saying this was the beginning of and gave impulse to the great cheese enterprise in this country.—Woodstock Times."

SCHOOL REPORT.—Following is the report of the Atwood Public School for the month of January. Names in order of merit:—Senior department, S. H. Harding, teacher—Senior 4th.—Frances Mader, Florence Stacey, Kate Priest, Nellie Hoar, Wm. Wilson, Wilson, Mitchell, Junior 4th.—Albert Robertson, Geo. Irwin, Wm. Thompson, Senior 3rd.—Edith Robertson, Robena Dickson, John Dickson, John Challenger, Hattie Challenger, Richard Holmes, Hugh Porter, Junior 3rd.—Mary Murray, Elgin Robertson, Wm. Rogers, John Corrie, Essie Coghlin, Bee Dunn, Wm. Hoar, Melvyn Graham, Bella Pelton, Annie Giddins, Tot Graham, Minnie Blair, Eva Priest, Russell Bell, Hannah Priest, Martha Thompson, Geo. Porter, Wm. Longmire, Gertrude Hummason, John Skalitzyk, R. Switzer, Wm. Blair, Fred. Bristow, Edith Hope, Wesley Nichols, Burt Wilson, Junior department, Miss Miriam Dunn, teacher—Junior 3rd.—Eva Hastings, Beatrice Graham, Willie Hope, Senior 2nd.—Sennie McAlistier, Jennie Murray, James Dickson, Junior 2nd.—Annie Graham, Maud Blair, Earle Switzer and Joseph Priest equal. Part II.—Elsie Gordon, Johnnie Coghlin, George Klump.

D. LOWERY, of Brussels, paid the village a flying visit last Tuesday.

Miss JESSIE TURNBULL, of Stratford, is the guest of the Misses Robertson this week.

WM. BELL and James Smith, of Downie, are visiting friends in this locality this week.

HAVE you a house and lot for sale, a farm to rent or dispose of, stock for sale, advertise the property in THE BEE.

A SINGLE typographical error crept into the Treasurer's report of the township of Elma respecting the county rate which should read: "By A. Monro, Treasurer Co. Perth, Rate 1889, \$4,290," instead of \$42.80, as given in the report.

The Blyth Standard has been changed from an 8-page royal to a 4-page demy. It is the intention of the publisher to print both sides at home. These improvements should be appreciated by the merchants and citizens of Blyth by extending to Mr. Irwin a more liberal support in the future than in the past.

The literary in connection with the Epworth League last Friday evening was of an interesting character. The attendance was large. Addresses were delivered by the President, J. W. Ward, and Rev. Mr. Rogers; H. Hoar gave a recitation in his usual good style, and including the music interspersed throughout an enjoyable profitable evening was enjoyed.

METHODIST CENTENNIAL.—Sunday, March 1, will be observed as the centennial of Methodism in the Dominion, and therefore reference to it is likely to be made in every Methodist pulpit of Canada. The same date it happens is also the centennial of the death of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, who died about 10 a.m., on March 2nd, 1791. The conjunction of these two centennials presents fruitful themes for discourse.

THE Brantford Expositor, of the 31st ult., contains the following item which will interest many of our readers:—Last evening Prof. Fairclough gave another of his musical recitals in the drawing room of the Ladies' College, which was well filled by the boarders, day pupils and other friends of the young ladies who took part. *** To say that every number was most exquisitely rendered is only speaking the simple truth. It will be noticed that the performers were taken from the pupils of the different teachers, the juniors as well as the more advanced. Miss Hart's elocution class was represented by Miss Gertrude McIntosh, of Vancouver, B. C., and Miss Belle Mitchell, of Atwood. Miss Mitchell gave the ham-dance piece called "The Bob-a-link" with great cleverness, and carried with her the applause of her companions and the general audience. Miss McIntosh made her first appearance as an elocutionist and gave a delightful rendering of the "Wayside Inn." *** At the close of the program Dr. Cochrane commended the young ladies for their proficiency, reminding them that all their gifts and accomplishments should be devoted to the noblest ends. It is understood, at the request of many friends of the college, Miss Hart will give in February an evening of elocutionary readings, all the parts of which will be sustained by her pupils.

ALTAR.

AMENT—GRUBBER.—At the R. C. church, Salsburg, on Monday, Feb. 2nd, by Rev. Father O'Neill, of Kincozia, Mr. Leo Ament, of Wallace township, to Miss Barbara, daughter of Mr. Theo. Grubber, Elma township.

TOMB.

FLOOD.—In Donegal, on Monday, Feb. 2nd, Wm. Flood, aged about 54 years.

Latest Market Reports.

ATWOOD MARKET.

Fall Wheat	85	89
Spring Wheat	82	87
Barley	35	45
Oats	39	40
Peas	60	62
Pork	5 00	5 50
Hides per lb.	34	4
Sheep skins, each	50	80
Wood, 2 ft.	1 15	1 50
Potatoes per bushel	40	45
Butter per lb.	13	14
Eggs per doz.	18	18

TORONTO GRAIN MARKET.

Fall Wheat	\$ 00	\$ 95
Spring Wheat	55	57
Barley	52	53
Oats	44	46
Peas	62	63
Hay	8 00	10 00
Dressed Hogs	5 50	6 00
Eggs	23	25
Butter	18	19
Potatoes per bag	80	85

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

The receipts at the cattle market last week were 55 loads of cattle, 343 sheep and lambs and 157 hogs. Tuesday, Feb. 3rd, 23 loads were received, 200 sheep and lambs, 80 hogs and 25 calves. The prices were fair, not any worse than last week, but a shade better. Most of the stuff was cleared out. Butchers' cattle sold for 3 1/2c to 4c per lb., the latter price only being paid in a few cases where the cattle was extra choice. Nineteen head, weighing 925 lbs., were sold for \$31; 23 head, 1,150 lbs., at \$41; 19 head, 925 lbs., \$32; 2 milkers, \$37; 3 calves at \$5 per head. Calves are in demand, but of a better quality than was offered to-day; the prices ranged from \$5 to \$8. Sheep and lambs sold from \$4 to \$5.50; the quality offered was good and the demand was fair. Thirteen lambs sold at \$5 per head; 80 sheep, weighing 91 lbs., sold for \$5.25 per head. The hogs were not wanted to-day, and save a half-dozen that were sold, the rest will be shipped to Mon-

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THE WEEK'S NEWS.

CANADA.

A fire at Glenboro, Man., last week caused a loss of about \$15,000.

Three nuns from Lachine, Quebec, are to be sent to Alaska to start a mission there. Alec Mercier, brother of the Quebec Premier, died suddenly in Montreal last week from a paralytic stroke.

Mr. C. A. Densereau has been appointed postmaster of Montreal, in the room of Mr. G. Lamothé, who was recently superannuated.

Chief Commissioner Wrigley of the Hudson Bay Company in the Northwest has retired on account of ill-health.

Four more patients were inoculated with the Koch lymph at the Toronto General Hospital last week.

A large influx of Mennonites to Manitoba is promised by a family just arrived in Winnipeg from Russia.

Of the 4,555 immigrants who settled in the Province of Quebec last year 2,600 were farmers and farm labourers.

A strong effort is being made to transfer the shipment of live stock from Montreal to Three Rivers.

The Winnipeg Electric Railway was opened on Tuesday evening and proved successful.

A letter from Missionary Settee, who is located on Lake Winnipeg, states that wolves attacked a band of Indians on the east side of the lake, killing and devouring many of them.

Frank Birdsall, aged 60, of Charleston, Ont., was asphyxiated at the Revere House Toronto, last week. He failed to turn off the gas and was found dead.

Jaques & Co.'s jewellery store in Winnipeg was robbed of \$4,000 worth of goods on Tuesday night, and the robbers got away.

Andrew Rennard, C. P. R. brakeman, Winnipeg, has fallen heir to \$50,000 by the death of a relative in England.

The Belt Line Railway Company of Toronto, has contracted with Mr. Wm. Hendrie of Hamilton, to complete the road by September 1st next.

Five hundred applications have been made to the Department of the Interior for the privilege of boring for oil in the Kootenay country.

Of the 78 samples of milk tested by Dr. Ellis, of Toronto, 43 were found to be of good quality and 35 below the standard of 8 per cent.

Dr. George Mercer Dawson, son of Sir William Dawson, of Montreal, has been awarded a gold medal by the Geological Society of London, England.

During the three weeks ending January 17, 696 cars of wheat were inspected by the Winnipeg grain inspector. This represents over a million bushels of wheat, and does not include the quantity shipped through to Port Arthur for storage there.

Jules Bourdon, of Chateauguay, has taken an action for \$150 against Rev. Mr. Quessel for refusing to perform a burial service over his brother, who was entitled to it as a member of the "Union de Prêtres."

Dr. C. McEachran, dean of the Veterinary faculty of McGill University, has returned to Montreal from England. One of the objects of his visit to the Old Country was the opening up of an increased market for Canadian horses.

Last week Messrs. McLachlin, Bros. & Co. and Messrs. Lindsay, Gilmour & Co., wholesale dry goods firms, of Montreal, officially abandoned their estates. Their connected liabilities amount to nearly a million dollars.

Dr. J. B. McConnell has returned to Montreal from Berlin and London, where he spent some time studying the Koch system. He reports some wonderfully successful treatments of lung and throat tuberculosis in the City of London Hospital.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Gen. Whichcote, who fought at the battle of Waterloo, has just died in London.

The Balfour-Zetland Irish relief fund now amounts to £200,000.

Death from starvation threatens many of the people of Conemara.

Mrs. John Thompson, granddaughter of the poet Burns, has just died in Glasgow.

The British Parliament re-assembled on the 23rd.

The Dublin *Insuppressible*, the paper started by the McCarthys as a rival to *United Ireland*, has stopped publication.

A letter from Lord Salisbury asserts that there is no ground for believing an early dissolution of Parliament is probable.

In the House of Commons, Under Secretary Ferguson stated that the weather was bad for seal fishing in Behring Sea, but the seals were as plentiful as ever.

The British House of Commons on Tuesday carried a motion to expunge from the records the resolution passed in 1880 forbidding Charles Bradlaugh to take the oath or to make an affirmation.

Serious riotings on the part of the Scotch railway strikers are reported, and the police are said to be unable to protect the property of the companies or save the men who work at work from the assaults of the strikers.

The British authorities have been advised of renewed activity in the ranks of the dynamite party in America, who are said to be actively preparing to resume operations.

It is rumoured that Mr. Parnell will visit the States shortly with Mr. O'Brien, and that during his absence Mr. Dillon will lead the Irish Parliamentary party.

The labourers employed upon the works at Hare Island and Skibbereen commenced by the Government for the relief of the existing distress have struck for an increase of wages.

The London *Chronicle* has high authority for saying that the Imperial Government have exercised no pressure on Canada in regard to pending commercial negotiations.

There are rumours in London that England is anxious to secure the transfer to herself or Canada of closer political and commercial relations with Hawaii.

A thaw has set in throughout England, and as an effect there was a disastrous landslide at Folkestone, by which three persons were crushed to death.

The recent suicide of the Duke of Bedford is to be made the subject of a Parliamentary enquiry because the coroner did not inform the police of the fact.

Lord Salisbury is authority for the statement that a portion of the British Pacific squadron has left Panama to protect British interests in Chili.

At a conference of London financiers the opinion was unanimously expressed that the free coinage measure should be passed by the U. S. Congress, but that its provisions should apply only to natural silver.

Lord Hartington, in an address to his constituents on Saturday, at Rosendale, Lancashire, said that the only chance of Home Rule being a practical policy had gone for ever.

On Sunday evening a number of artillery men at Weymouth, became involved in a fight with civilians, and the soldiers to the number of over 70 drew their sword bayonets and charged on the citizens, wounding several. For some time they refused to obey the call to return to the barracks. The men will be court-martialled.

Mr. William Liddell, Governor of the Bank of England, was last week presented with the freedom of the city of London in a gold box by the Common Council, for averting a commercial crisis by aiding the Baring Brothers in their recent financial difficulties.

It appears that Capt. O'Shea wrote to Mr. Justin McCarthy last December asking him to apologize for a remark he made in a speech, and his reply so little satisfied the captain that he holds Mr. McCarthy characterized by the two qualities of meanness and mendacity.

UNITED STATES.

Gen. Miles and staff have left Pine Ridge for Chicago.

A. Harris, a Jewish rabbi of Richmond, Va., fell dead in his pulpit Saturday.

The U. S. revenue cutter Bear is fitting out for service in Behring Sea.

The Farmers' Alliance is going to extend its organization to New York State.

The damage to the telegraph and telephone companies in New York caused by the recent storm is estimated at \$500,000.

John Woodbeck, a soldier of the war of 1812, died at Pawamo, Mich., last week, aged 101 years.

Joseph Kling, a young lawyer of St. Paul, Minn., has become a hopeless lunatic through poker playing.

Colored lawyers for the first time in the State's history argued before the Maryland Court of Appeals last Thursday.

Mrs. Mary Ruane died at Jessup, Pa., last week, aged 109. She was a native of Ireland.

Over a third of Wilkesbarre, Pa., is under water, caused by a terrible rainstorm that swept over the Wyoming valley.

Mrs. Hannah Riordan, a widow, was murdered by her dissolute nephew, Thomas Clark, in New York last week. The woman's throat was cut from ear to ear.

A Chicago jury has awarded Stephen S. Young \$6,000 damages against the Grand Trunk for injuries received in the Junction Cut accident near Hamilton.

Lucy Decker Young, eighth wife of Brigham Young, is dead. There are only seven left, including Amelia Folsom, the favorite.

The cigar manufacturers of Chicago have decided to advance prices 10 per cent, on February 1. The action is due to the McKinley tariff.

The Ohio miners in convention at Columbus adopted unanimously a resolution favoring the enforcing of the eight-hour system after May 1 next.

William Foules, living at Laurel Station, Pa., during a religious frenzy, emptied the contents of a double-barrelled shotgun into his wife with fatal results.

Thirty-two counties in the western part of Nebraska are in sore distress, and an appeal is being made to Congress on behalf of the suffering people.

A surgeon of Decatur, Ill., is reported to have substituted for the diseased bone in a young lady's nose the portion of four ribs taken from a cat.

Archbishop Ireland, of St. Paul, Minn., has issued a letter forbidding the employment of lotteries and similar schemes for the raising of money for church purposes.

Secretary Blaine thinks the United States was purposely snubbed by the English Government in not being invited to be represented at the Jamaica Exhibition.

Bruce Douglas, aged 28, who claimed to be a nephew and heir to the fourth Earl of Douglas, died in a San Francisco hospital on Sunday from dissipation and pneumonia.

In the Supreme Court at Washington on Tuesday the Attorney-General, in reply to the Canadian application for a writ of prohibition, contended that the court had not jurisdiction, and if had that the matter was one for Executive, not legal action.

Michael Kelly, aged 70, was shot and probably fatally wounded by his drunken son in Boston, Sunday night, because the father remonstrated with him about his conduct.

George Kendall, a young farmer of Arlington, N. J., was taken to the Chambers street hospital in New York suffering from hydrophobia, the result of a dog's bite. He died in great agony.

It is stated at Washington that all communications from the United States Government for Canadian officials are sent through the Imperial Government, and this accounts for the fact that Canada has not yet received her notice of the holding of the World's Fair.

IN GENERAL.

Cardinal Simor, Archbishop of Grau and Primate of Hungary, died last week.

The inhabitants of parts of Algeria are dying from cold and hunger.

A Supreme Labor Council is to be constituted by the French Government.

Maximilian Harden, the German writer, is to be prosecuted for libelling Emperor William.

Two Roumanian orderlies cut off a major's head in revenge for ill-treatment at his hands.

On Tuesday fishermen crossed the Zuyder Zee on the ice, a feat that has not been accomplished since 1740.

Affairs in Chili are reported to be growing more serious, with the insurgents gaining ground.

Orders of extra severity against the Jews of Moscow have been issued, and they are regarded as the Czar's reply to the recent London Mansion House petition.

The Cure of Crime.

The Prevention of Crime is too large a topic to be treated in a single editorial; it includes, as the notable collection of papers on another page indicates, the family question, the educational question, the industrial administration, the question of law and legal administration, as well as the question of prison reform. We may, however, here supplement the suggestions of our contributors by some additional reflections on the Cure of Crime.

It is certain that we have not yet learned how to cure crime. Mr. Havelock Ellis, in his recent admirable treatise on "The Criminal," is our authority for the statement that criminality has been increased throughout the civilized world during the present century. "In France, in Germany, in Italy, in Belgium, in Spain, in the United States, the tide of criminality is becoming higher, steadily and rapidly." In the United States the criminal population has increased since the war, relatively to the population, by one-third. "Even in Great Britain," there is a real increase, in the more serious kinds of crime." Allow for all possible errors in statistics, for better reports, more stringent police regulations, a consequent greater number of arrests and convictions, increase in kinds of crimes which civilization almost necessarily involves—defalcations, breaches of trust, certain forms of forgery, being, for example, wholly modern—still, this alarming increase in crime makes it evident that we have not yet learned how to treat crime so as to cure or even to lessen it.

Our prisons have been reformed. They are no longer in any truly civilized country what they were a century ago in all countries, and still are in Siberia, Morocco, Spain, or some of our Southern States. Who can read McMaster's description of the prisons of New England in 1784 without a shudder of horror! The underground prison in an old worked-out copper mine near Grand Rapids, the only entrance by a ladder, the culprits immured in pens of wood, the darkness intense, the caves reeking with filth, vermin abounding, in the dampness and gloom of the prisoners moulding and rotting! At Northampton, Worcester, Philadelphia, prisons not much better. The prisoners provided with no work and no schools; no efforts made for their reclamation; sexes intermingled; old and hardened criminals, first offenders, civil debtors, and imprisoned witnesses mingling together. Such prisons were palpably what Sydney Smith declared the prisons of England to be, schools for the education of criminals.

But if the prisons have been reformed, the criminals have not been reformed. Prison administration is humane, but rarely truly Christian or truly scientific. The prison no longer exerts any very serious deterrent effect on the lower and poorer class of criminals. In the prison the criminal is better fed, better clad, better housed and sheltered, better cared for if sick, than in freedom, and does not have to work so hard. "Hard labor," says an expert, "is such if he did not work harder." The result is that the commission of petty offenses for the very purpose of securing commitment to prison is so common an occurrence. A sheriff in the interior of this State informs us that a majority of the residents of the county jails of the canal counties during the winter months are thus self-committed. On the other hand, the prisons are not yet made true reformatories. Prison administration is no longer brutal, but it is mechanical.

The prisoner is treated, not as an individual, but as a piece of a great machine. His labor is servile; it is odious in freedom, it is made still more odious in prison. He receives no benefit from his labor; he has no opportunity for the exercise of a free will; he has no rewards, such as life gives to well-doing, and is kept in order only by fear of penalty for breach of rules or by actual inability to break over them. It is the function of religion to reform men; but religion is either excluded from the prison or admitted only under the surveillance of a chaplain who too often owes his appointment to political favoritism, or, without surveillance, by either tact or knowledge. The popular conception of a successful prison administration is one that makes men who are competent to earn an honest livelihood, and determined so to do. There is no effort to create a body of trained prison officials, as there is to create a body of trained nurses for the body and trained teachers for the mind. We assume that any man of courage can keep prisoners in order, and that nothing more is needed; and it is rare to find in any subordinate position men who possess either an intelligent indignation against crime or an intelligent compassion for the criminal, much less that mercy which is compounded of the two. Occasionally a man of natural genius, developed by experience, like Superintendent Brockway, Warden Brush, or Captain Tufts, may be found in charge of a prison, and, happily, their number is increasing; but they have to carry on their work in spite of a public apathy which is reflected in legislative indifference and inaction.

There is great difficulty in applying prison reform, but no difficulty in stating and apprehending the fundamental principle which should underlie criminal administration—this, namely, that it is not the function of this to judge and punish his fellow-man, but that it may be, and often is, his function to educate, train, discipline, and reform him. The object of every sentence should be, not the just punishment of sin, but the adequate protection of society, and this is best secured by the scientific and Christian (the two words are synonymous) discipline of the offender. To send a drunken man up for "ten days," month after month, with wearisome regularity, only to find him at every discharge drunk again, is a folly so great as to be well-nigh incredible. We maintain as an absolutely true thesis that:—

No man whatever his offence, ought ever to be discharged from restraint, except upon reasonable evidence that he is, morally, intellectually, and physically capable of earning an honest livelihood.

We do not affirm that all prison reform is involved in this principle. But pretty nearly all prison reform is in it or in its necessary corollaries. For it means wardens and deputies who are moral physicians, not mere jailers; it means labor and education adapted to fit prisoners for honest self-support; it means treating each prisoner as an individual, and adapting discipline to him and his needs; it means insane asylums for the insensible criminal, and inebriate asylums, with forceful, and need be permanent, detention for the inebriate; it means life imprisonment

for the professional criminals, however petty the crimes which they perpetrate; it means a high and strong resolve that no man or woman shall be permitted to prey upon society, and therefore no one shall be discharged, after society has taken him in charge, except upon reasonable assurance that he will not prey upon society; it means a gradual diminution and an eventual end to that breeding of criminals which now supplies the stock more rapidly than society can take care of it; and it means, above all, the recognition that the redemption of the criminal is the function of Christianity, and therefore of every society which calls itself Christian.

Our Own Country the Best

Hon. Geo. A. Kirkpatrick, speaker of the House of Commons and member for Frontenac, addressed a farmers' institute at Kingston on Saturday, and at the outset pointed out that the introduction of politics into the society would tend to disrupt it. The agricultural depression, he said, began in England. Farm lands began to diminish in value, and prices of farm produce to go down. They were no better off in the United States. In the eastern states there was very great depression, and whole tracts of land had been deserted. Good farms could now be had in New Hampshire for \$4 and \$5 an acre. New York was no better off. Roswell P. Flower had recently sent a letter to a farmers' institute meeting in Jefferson county, saying that owing to the opening of the west New York farm land had in 10 years decreased in value by \$216,000,000. In western Illinois, said Mr. Kirkpatrick, the condition of the farmers was no better. The farms were mortgaged, and the farmers had long been crying out to the government for relief. The McKinley bill was in response to the clamor of American farmers for protection. Mr. Kirkpatrick did not believe the McKinley bill was a bit at Canada, but simply a measure of relief to American farmers. Canada had not suffered as much as the United States. If one went to Minnesota or Dakota the depression was terrible, as attested by the large immigration from those states to the Canadian North-west. We should not lose heart. Great changes for the better had taken place for our farmers within the last 12 years. Twenty-one years ago there was not a single head of cattle sent across the Atlantic from Canada. Last summer 120,000 head were sent from the port of Montreal. To-day the price of cattle was higher in Canada than in the United States. Cheap cattle of the west-ern plains were slaughtered in Chicago and shipped east for a couple of cents per pound. Eastern farmers would have to go out of stock raising. We fortunately were not brought into competition with these western stock men. Twenty-one years ago only 2,000,000 pounds of cheese were sent to England; now we send over 90,000,000 pounds, valued at \$8,000,000. Mr. Kirkpatrick referred to Denmark's expansion of its dairy business as an evidence also of what improvement might be made in a few years. The Atlantic was now so easily crossed, the steamers so well ventilated and so adapted for conveyance of perishable commodities that dairy products could be landed in good shape in London from Canada as easily as in Kingston from Sudbury.

A Prophecy Fulfilled.

Attention has been directed in the English press to the following prophetic utterances in Lever's novel, "The Knight of Gwynne," published nearly fifty years ago:—

"In the Lower House, politics will become a trade to live by, and the Irish party, with such an admirable market for grievances, will be a strong and compact body in Parliament, too numerous to be bought by anything save great concessions. Englishmen will never understand the truth of the condition of the country from these men, nor how little personal importance they possess at home. They will be regarded as the exponents of Irish opinions, they will browbeat, denounce, threaten, fawn, and flatter by turns; and Ireland instead of being easier to govern, will be rendered ten times more difficult by all the obscuring influences of falsehood and misrepresentation."

"You will be asked to repeal the union, you will be charged with all the venality by which you carried your bill, every injustice with which it is chargeable, and with a hundred other faults and crimes with which it is unconnected. You will be asked, I say, to repeal the union, and make of this miserable rattle, these dregs and sweepings of party, a Parliament. You shake your head. No, no; it is by no means impossible—nay, I don't think it even remote. I speak as an old man, and age, if it have many deficiencies as regards the past, has at least some prophetic foresight for the future."

As the *London Spectator* says, these extracts read very much as if they had been published in one of the current numbers of a modern magazine.

Hats on at Funerals.

The Rev. Mr. Kerr, rector of St. George's Church, St. Catharines, is evidently a kvel-headed man. On Friday last, in that place, the burial occurred of a prominent resident, and before leaving the church Mr. Kerr said that, however well and reverent it appeared to see pall-bearers and others with heads uncovered over the grave of a deceased friend, the custom was a dangerous one in our severe winter climate, and would be dispensed with. He trusted that the pall-bearers and others who accompanied them to witness the last sad rites would keep their heads covered on the occasion and remember that they came to bury the dead, and not to kill the living. It would be well if every minister in the Dominion had courage enough to give voice to a similar admonition.—*Branford Courier*.

"Some Plain American Talk."

The *Chicago Tribune*, in an editorial, says: "The action of the Canadian authorities, taken with the consent of the British Foreign Office, in seeking to transfer the contention of the Behring Sea matter from the form of arbitration proposed by Secretary Blaine to the Supreme Court of this country is both disrespectful and insulting to the Government of the part of the Canadians to avoid our treaty rights and a thorough investigation of the whole question and make a point in their favor by trick and technicalities. * * * It is an effort which not only should be, but will be, vigorously resented by the administration, and will call for some plain American talk to the Canadian and English Tories. * * * The question will not tend to strengthen the friendly relations of the two countries."

THE ROAD OF THE FUTURE.

Two Hundred Miles an Hour.—Pennington's Air Ship and What it can do.

"In a few months from now a man will be able to fly over to the continent of Europe on Saturday night and return in time for business on Monday morning," said Mr. W. C. Dewey, of Grand Rapids, after witnessing the working of the Pennington air ship at Chicago a few days ago and subscribing largely to the stock lists. "It is really the simplest practical matter in the world," he asserted, "and if successful it will revolutionize the world even more than the railroad or telegraph has done. We are already in correspondence with the Post Office Department in Washington, and have been assured that the mails will be sent by our airships as soon as we can go faster than the present mail trains."

IT GROWS ON YOU.

"The thing grows on you as you consider it. It is cheap, and that recommends it. There are no lobbies to pay, no franchises to purchase, no tunnels to dig and no tracks to lay. The air is free."

While hundreds of partly successful attempts have been made in the direction of the solution of the problem of navigating the air, the reason the feat has never been accomplished, Mr. Pennington says, is that knowledge of electricity has not until now reached the necessary point of perfection.

The Pennington airship will carry cars about the size of the present Pullmans, and will contain fifty persons each, special cars to be manufactured for quick mail and passenger service. The airship that

IS TO BE GIVEN A TRIAL.

in a short time, will weigh about thirteen hundred and fifty pounds. It will be in shape very much like the hull of an ordinary sea vessel, and the crew will consist of but two men, who will, however, have the most perfect control of her. On either side, and extending the entire length, are large wings, arranged so as to be convertible into parachutes in case of accident. At the ends of these wings there are propeller wheels by means of which the ship can be raised or lowered at will. A large propelling wheel at the bow furnishes the power by which she can be made to go either forward or backward.

The vessel proper is a huge buoyancy chamber composed almost entirely of aluminum, and the ship that makes the test trial will be 107 feet in length, with a diameter or 28 feet. Underneath this is a storage-carrying a 100-horse power engine, weighing 250 pounds. When every compartment is full of hydrogen, which is the buoyancy power used to elevate the vessel, the full lifting power will aggregate 5,500 pounds. The plan for carrying the hydrogen gas is an aluminum cylinder, which will act as a counterbalance, so that in fact the vessel will weigh practically nothing.

STEERING BY ELECTRIC FORCE.

Above the buoying chamber is a rudder for steering upward or downward. Just in the rear of this is a smaller one to steer either to the right or left. The cabin, or car, is suspended immediately beneath, while under it are the storage batteries, which also act as ballast. At the front of the car is the place for the pilot, who is provided with levers for switching the electrical appliances, the rudders and propellers being controlled by electricity. The chief factor in this final and successful (according to the inventor) solving of the problem of aerial navigation has been aluminum. The company manufacturing the ships makes own aluminum at a cost, it is stated, of about ten cents per pound. It is also stated that the cost of the vessel will be but about \$3,500.

LITTLE DANGER OF ACCIDENTS.

All the machinery in the new vessel is of entirely new design, and of the lightest weight possible. One feature of the airship is that in order to cause the vessel to fall or cause the engineer to lose control of its management, the rudders, wings, propeller wheels and buoyancy chambers must all break at once, for any one of them would keep it suspended in the air. But even should anything break, the automatic parachutes, formed instantly by the side wings, would allow the ship to descend gently to the ground, and as special cars are to be made for crossing the ocean the ship would float on the water, should anything happen while making the voyage.

TWO HUNDRED MILES PER HOUR.

When everything is in readiness for a trip the machine will be lifted into the air at the height desired by the aerial engineer by a vertical propeller. The height as it is proposed the ship shall attain is about one hundred and fifty feet above the ground, and when that point is reached a propeller in front of the machine will be started. The gas used to supply the machine is to be furnished from a cylinder by a gas engine through a hose, and when the vessel has been directed on its course it is expected that it will whirl through the air at the rate of fully two hundred miles per hour, according to the computations made of the resistance of the air. It will be steered by an electrical appliance whereby a compass course will be laid and the ship automatically guided through the air.

Another company has been formed in Chicago to manufacture ships after the mode invented by F. N. Atwood, which is in many respects like the Pennington invention. The Pennington company has a capital of \$200,000,000, and the Atwood company \$200,000.

The Emperor of Germany was 32 years old on Tuesday.

Arrangements are now completed for the opening early in March, of telephonic communication between Paris and London.

The Anglo-American Archeological Society is in session in Rome under the presidency of the Earl of Dufferin, British Ambassador.

The severe weather continues in the northern part of Africa, and the Arabs of the mountain tribes are suffering greatly from cold and famine.

Four thousand unemployed persons of Hamburg last week petitioned the Senate to restrain landlords from evicting tenants unable to pay their rent.

In the western portion of Europe a thaw has set in, and the rivers are full of broken ice. In Russia and Turkey more snow has fallen, the cold being still intense.

Always wash baby's mouth and gums every morning with water in which you have put a pinch of borax. It keeps the mouth fresh and sweet, and prevents that uncomfortable affliction, a sore mouth, with which so many poor babies are troubled when their mouths are not kept perfectly clean.

AN OLD LADY'S LOVE STORY.

I sat spinning at my little wheel, in the sun, for the autumn day was cold, when I heard some one whistling; and, looking up, there was young Squire Turner, with his arms folded on the gate, looking over. When he caught my eye he laughed, I blushed, and I arose and made him a courtesy.

He was a handsome gentleman, the Squire, and the hand from which he pulled the glove shimmered in the sun with pearls and diamonds; and he was bonny to look at with his hair like spun gold in the October sunlight.

When I courtesied he bowed, making his curls dance over his shoulders, and said he, "I've spoiled one pretty picture that I could have looked at all day, but I've made another as pretty, so I'll not grieve. May I come in?"

"And welcome, sir," said I, and I set a chair for him, for he was grandfather's landlord; but for all that I felt uncomfortable, for I was not used to fine company.

He talked away, paying me more compliments than I was used to, for grandmother, who brought me up, said, "Handsome is as handsome does," and "Beauty is but skin deep."

Since I'm telling the story I'll tell the truth. I had done wrong about one thing. Neither of the old folks knew that I wore Evan Locke's ring in my bosom, or that we'd taken a vow to each other beside the Hawthorn that grew in the church lane. I never meant to deceive, but grannie was old and a sweet secret. Besides, money seems to outweigh all else when people have struggled all their lives through to turn a penny, and they knew Evan was a poor, struggling young surgeon. I thought I'd wait a while until I could sweeten the news with the fact that he'd begun to make his fortune.

Grannie came in from the dairy five minutes after the Squire was gone, and heard he had been there. I didn't tell her of his fine speeches, but there was a keyhole to the door she came through, and I have a guess she heard them.

That night we had something else to think of. Misfortunes had come upon grandfather, but I didn't foresee that, when the half year's rent should come due, not a penny to pay it would be found.

All this time Evan Locke and I had been as fond as ever of each other, and he came as often as before to talk with grandpa on the winter nights; and still every little while our young landlord, Squire Turner, would drop in and sit in his lazy way, watching me knit or spin. Once or twice he was flushed with wine and over bold, for he tried to kiss me. But Squire or no, I boxed his ears for his pains, and no softer than I could help either.

I could not help his coming, nor help seeing him when he came, and I did not deserve that Evan should be angry with me. But he was. Eh, so high and mighty, and spoke as though one like the Squire could mean no good by coming to so poor a place as the schoolmaster's.

He made me angry, and I spoke up.

"For that matter, the Squire would be glad to have me promise to marry him," said I. "He thinks more of me than—"

"May he love you like his better?"

"I don't say that," replied I. "But bad temper and jealousy scarce make me over fond of another. I pray I may never have a husband who will scold me."

For he had been scolding me. No other name for it.

Well, Evan was wroth with me and I with him—not heart-deep, though, I thought—and I did not see him for more than a week. I was troubled much, though. I knew he would come round again, and mayhap ask my pardon. For before you are wed you can bring your lover to his senses.

So I did not fret after Evan's absence, nor quite snub Squire Turner, who liked me more than ever. But one night grandfather came in and shutting the door, stood between grandamma and me, looking at me, and so strangely that we both grew frightened. At last he spoke:

"I've been to the Squire's," said he. "For the first time I had to tell him that I could not pay the rent when due."

I opened my lips. Grandamma's hand covered them. Grandpa drew me to him.

"Thou'rt young, lass," said he, "and they are right who call thee pretty. Child—couldst like the Squire well enough to wed him?"

"Eh?" cried grandpa. "Sure, you're not wandering?"

"Squire Turner asked me for this lass of ours to-night. Of all women in the world there is but one he loves as he should his wife, and that is our Agatha."

"I dreamt of golden rings and white roses on Christmas eve," cried grannie. "I knew the lass would be lucky."

But I put my head on grandfather's shoulder and hid my face. The truth must out I knew.

"Will he have him and be a rich lady?" said grandpa.

And when he had waited for an answer, I burst out with "No," and a sob together.

"She's frightened," said grandamma. "Nay, we must all wed once in our lives, my child."

Then grandpa talked to me. He told me how poor they had grown, and how kind the Squire was, and I had but to marry him to make my grandparents free from debt and poverty their lives through. If I refused and vexed the Squire, heaven only knew what might happen.

"She'll never ruin us," sobbed grandamma.

Ah! it was hard to bear—bitter hard; but now there was no help for it. I took the ring from my bosom and laid it on my palm, and told them it was Evan Locke's, and that I had pledged my troth to him. And grandamma called me a deceitful wench, and grandfather looked as though his heart would break.

Oh, I would have done anything for them—anything but give up my true love.

That night I kissed his ring and prayed heaven that he might love me always. In the morning it was gone, ribbon and all, but found no sign of it. And I began to fear the loss of that dear ring was a sign that I would never marry Evan Locke.

The days passed on and he never came near me.

"Oh, it was cruel in him," I thought, "to hold such anger for a hasty word he had provoked, when I spoke it that he must know I loved him so."

And grandpa would scarcely look at me (I know why now), and grandpa sighed, and moaned, and talked of the work-house.

And I thought I should die of grief among them.

One day grandpa said to me, "It seems that your sweetheart is not over-fond of you, nor over-anxious to see you."

"Why not?" said I.

"Where has he been this month back?"

"Busy, doubtless," said I, with a smile, though I thought my heart would burst.

"You're going with him, maybe?"

"Where?" said I.

She went to the kitchen door and beckoned in a woman who sat there—Dame Coombs, who had come over with eggs.

"I heard you rightly," she said. "You told me Evan Locke and his mother were making ready for a voyage."

"They're going to Canada. My son, a carpenter—and a good one, though I say it—made the doctor a box for his things. The old lady dreads the new country, but she goes for the doctor's sake. There's money to be made there."

"I told you so," said grandmother.

"I don't believe it," said I.

"They've sold the house, and gone to Liverpool to take ship; and you may find the truth for yourself, if you choose to make trouble," said Dame Coombs. "I'm no chatterbox, to tell falsehoods about my neighbors."

And still I would not believe it until I had walked across the moor and had seen the shutters fast closed and the door barred, and not a sign of life about the place. Then I gave up hope. I went home all pale and trembling, and sat down at grandamma's knee.

"It's true," said I.

"And for the sake of so false a lad you'll see your grandfather ruined and break his heart, and leave me, that have nursed you from a babe, a widow?"

I looked at her as she sobbed, and I found strength to say:

"Give me to whom you will then, since my own love does not want me."

And then I crept up stairs and sat down on the bed, weak as though I had fainted. I would have thanked heaven for forgetfulness just then, but it wouldn't come.

The next day Squire Turner was in the parlor as my accepted lover. How pleased he was, and how the color came back into grandfather's old face! And grannie grew so proud and kind, and all the house was aglow, and only I sad. But I couldn't forget Evan—Evan whom I had loved so—sailing away from me without a word.

I suppose they all saw I looked sad. The Squire talked of my health, and would make me ride with him over the moors for strength.

The old folk said nothing. They knew what ailed me; only our little Scotch maid seemed to think there was aught wrong. Once she said to me:

"What ails ye miss? Your eye is dull and your cheek is pale, and your brawny grandlover canna make ye smile; ye are na that ill, either?"

"No, I am well enough," said I.

"She looked at me wistfully."

"Gin ye'd tell me your all, I might tell ye a cure," she said.

But there was no cure for me in this world, and I couldn't open my heart to simple Jennie. So the days rolled by, and I was close on my marriage eve, and Grannie and Dorothy Plume were busy with my wedding robes. I wished it were my shroud they were working at, instead.

And one night the pain in my heart grew too great, and I went out among the purple heather on the moor, and there knelt down under the stars and prayed to be taken from the world; "for how can I live without Evan?" I said.

I spoke the words aloud, and then started up in a fright, for there at my side was an elfish little figure, and I heard a cry that at first I scarce thought heardly. Yet it was but Squire Jennie, who had followed me.

"Why do ye call for your true love now?" she said; "ye sent him frae ye for sake o' the young Squire."

"How dare you follow and watch me?" But she caught my sleeve.

"Dinna be vexed," she said. "Just hide a wee, and answer what I speak. It's for love of you, for I've seen ye waste like the snaw wreath in the sun sin the Squire wooed ye. Was it your will the lad that loved the ground ye trod on should have his ring again?"

"What do you mean?" said I.

"I'll speak gin I lose my place," said Jennie. "I rode with the mistress to young Doctor Locke's place past the moor, and what she said I know not, but it turned him the tint o' death, and said he: 'There's na a drop o' true bluid in a woman gin she is false.' And he turned to the wall and covered his eyes, an' your grannie rode home. There, 'tis all I ken—will it do?"

"Ay, Jennie," said I; "heaven bless you!"

And had I wings on my feet I could not have come to the cottage door sooner.

I stood before my grandmother, trembling and white, and I said: "Oh, don't tell me, grannie, you have cheated me and robbed me of my true love by a lie. Did you steal the troth ring from my neck and give it back to Evan, as if from me? You've loved and honored my life long—"

She turned scarlet.

"True love!" said she; "you've but one true love now—Squire Turner."

"You have done it!" I cried. "It's written on your face."

And she looked down at that and fell to weeping.

"My own true love was breaking his heart," she said. "My husband and I had loved for 40 years. I did it to save him. Could I let a girl's fancy, worth nothing, stand in my way, and see him a beggar in his old age? Oh, girl, girl!"

And then I fell down at her feet like a stone. I knew nothing for an hour or more; but then, when I was better, and they left me with Jennie, I bade her fetch my hood and cloak and her own, and come with me, and away I went across the moor in the starlight to where the hall windows were ablaze with light, and asked the housekeeper to let me see the Squire.

She stared at me for my boldness—no wonder—but called him. So in a moment he stood before me in his evening dress, with his cheeks flushed and eyes bright, and let me into a little room and seated me.

"Agatha, my love, I hope no mischief brings you here." But I stopped him.

"Not your love, Squire Turner," I said. "I thank you for thinking so well of me, but after all that has passed, I—"

"I could say no more. He took my hand. 'Have I offended you, Agatha?' he said. 'Not you. The offense—the guilt—is, I have been sorely cheated!' and all I could do was to sob."

At last strength came to me. I went back to the first and told him all—how we

had been pledged to each other, waiting only for better prospects to be wed, and how, when he honored me by an offer of his hand, I angered my grandmother by owing to the troth, and of the ring grannie had stolen from my breast, and the false message that had been sent my promised husband from me.

"And though I never see Evan Locke again," said I, "still I can never be another man's true love, for I am his until I die."

Then as I looked, all the rich color faded out of the Squire's face, and I saw the sight seldom see more than once in a lifetime—a strong young man in tears.

"At last he arose and came to me."

"My little Agatha never loved me," he said. "Ah, me! The news is bad—I thought she did. This comes of vanity."

"Many a higher and a fairer have hearts to give," I said. "Mine was gone ere you saw me."

And then, kind and gentle, as though I had not grieved him, he gave me his arm and saw me across the moor, and at the gate paused and whispered:

"Be at rest, Agatha. The Golden George has not sailed yet."

I liked him better than I had ever done before that night when I told grannie that I would never wed him.

Eh! but he was fit to be a king—the grandest, kindest, best of living men; who rode away with the break of the morning and never stopped till he reached Liverpool and found Evan Locke just ready to set foot upon the Golden George and told him tale that made his heart light and sent him back to me. Heaven bless him!

And who was it that sent old grandfather the deed of gift that made the cottage his own, and who spoke a kind word to the gentry for young Dr. Locke that helped him into practice? Still no one but Squire Turner, whom we taught our children to pray for every night. For we were married, and in a few years had boys and girls at our knees; and when the eldest was eight, the thing I needed to make me quite happy happened—and from far over the sea, where he had been three twelve months, came our Squire with the bonniest lady that ever blushed beside him, and the hall had a mistress at last—a mistress who loved the Squire as I loved Evan.

Eh! but it's an old story. She that I remembered a girl I saw in her coffin, withered and old. And then they opened the vault where the Squire had slept ten years of Evan, my life and my love, but his memory of joy I ever had were put away under tombstones. And even the Golden George, the great strong ship that would have borne me dear from me, has mouldered away at the bottom of the sea. And I think my wedding ring is like to out-last us all, for I have it yet, and I shall be 90 to-morrow.

"Ninty! It's a good old age, and it can't be long now before I meet Evan and the rest in heaven."

IRISH FARMS AND IRISH FARMERS.

Let the Truth be Known.

Small farmers in Europe generally get only a bare living, even when they own their farms. In continental Europe such people are worse off than the similar class in Ireland. By the last census there were in Ireland 135,000 farms of from 15 to 30 statute acres, 123,000 of from 30 to 100, and 32,000 over 100. The 32,000 large farms comprised about 5,763,000 acres, say 38 per cent. of the total farmed land.

Mr. Robert Griffin, of the Board of Trade, is on Financial statistics one of the first authorities in the United Kingdom. He gives the following from the Irish income tax returns. The acknowledged profits of the farmers who pay income tax in Ireland amount to £9,983,000, or \$48,617,000. No one pays income tax on less than £150, or \$750. Any portion of the income which is devoted to life insurance is exempt from taxation. If the income is less than £400 the first £120 is exempt from taxation, so that a farmer with an income of £400 would pay only on £280. The income tax for farmers in England is three-pence in the pound, or 14 per cent. In Ireland it is only twopence farthing, or rather less than one per cent., Ireland being the favoured nation in taxation as well as in Imperial outlay. We all know that where people practically assess themselves for taxation they generally underestimate. It is safe to say that to get at the real truth we ought to add at least one-fourth to these figures. This would show that the cash profits of the Irish farmers who acknowledge that their incomes exceed £750 amount to the enormous sum of \$69,771,000. This enables us to understand the fact, given on the authority of Mr. Willis, formerly of the Munster Bank, that in 1886 there stood to the credit of the Irish farmers at the joint stock and savings banks the sum of \$83,203,000.

What is the number of Irish farmers who between them get this profit of \$69,771,000—how many acres do they occupy, and what is the average profit per acre? It will be fair to assume that nearly all the 32,000 farmers who rent more than 100 acres each pay income tax. But not many of those who profit of £750, after paying rent, their share of the taxes, wages, and all other business outgoings. If we assume that out of the 125,000 who occupy from 30 to 100 acres there are nearly one-sixth—say 21,800 acres—between them 1,765,000 acres—who plead guilty to the soft impeachment, this number added to the others would show that a total of 53,800 farmers renting 7,533,000 acres, or one-half of the farmed land of Ireland, get a net cash profit of \$69,771,000. The average would be \$1,129. It is quite certain that in the case of farmers occupying less than 50 acres (understanding by farming what we call farming) there are very few—if any—who acknowledge an annual cash profit of £750. There may be a few who cultivate flax who have to pay the tax, but the total raised in Ireland does not exceed in value \$3,400,000, and as it is a very exhausting crop, the rate of profit would be less than with the great staples—dairying and cattle-raising. A net cash profit of \$69,771,000 on 7,533,000 acres shows \$9.06 (eight dollars and six cents) per acre. The probability is that there are not so many acres contributing to the income tax, and that therefore the profit per acre is higher than this.

There are upwards of 30,000 rented farms in Ontario. It is certain that not one in a hundred shows a cash profit of eight dollars per acre. We instance the case of a farmer in Ontario who rented one hundred acres of fairly good land, paid \$350 rent, and made a cash profit of \$344. His profit per acre was not one-half of that of the Irish farmer. Yields and prices are greater in Ireland than here, and the average rent fixed under the Land Act is only \$2.64 per acre.

Mr. Giffen estimates the capital of the Irish farmers who pay income tax at eight times as much as their admitted profits, that is, £79,864,000, or \$388,936,000. Of course, this is only an estimate. It is thought by some good authorities—and we are inclined to agree with them—that it is rather high. But there are far more cattle on Irish farms than in the case here, and they are individually of greater value, which partly explains the estimate. Mr. Giffen also estimates that the incomes of those engaged in trades and professions who ought to pay income tax, but who do not do so, equal in amount one-fifth of the total sum actually assessed. Under the Land Act of 1881 the Irish farmers have acquired fixity of tenure, with the right of selling their interests in their farms. The rents are also fixed by Government officials. The practical result has been that one-third of the value of the land has been given to them, leaving the remaining two-thirds to the land-lords. Taken altogether the Irish farmers of fair-sized farms are to be congratulated. There is no other country in the world where rent-paying farmers of fair-sized farms are so well off as in Ireland.

And yet the Irish farm is hot happy—if the above is correct and it seems indisputable. It endorses Henry George's thesis that the land laws of Ireland are most liberal and best in the world.

ZULU EXILES ON ST. HELENA.

The British Government Will Not Permit Them to Return to Their Homes.

LONDON, Feb.—The British Government has just refused to restore to their native country the banished Zulus who are now in St. Helena. Lord Knutsford said, in answer to a delegation which called upon him, that her Majesty's Government believed the repatriation of these chiefs would disturb the satisfactory relations between the Government and the Zulus. Ever since these chiefs were sent to St. Helena nearly two years ago the Zulu Defence Fund has been endeavoring to secure a revision of the heavy sentence.

One of the chiefs is young Dinizulu, son of the famous king, Cetshwayo. This young man, who is hardly out of his teens, was sentenced to ten years imprisonment for alleged high treason, and seven subordinate chiefs received sentences of equal or greater severity. The friends of Dinizulu have pleaded his youth, his name, and his imperfect knowledge of English law, but all in vain.

The friends of these Zulus assert that they had no time to prepare their defence, that they were tried without a jury, and that the evidence against them did not support the verdict. Their offence was in fighting Uabepu, who was supported by the British Government.

Wealth of the Salvationists.

The Salvation Army is a corporation with a good deal of money and property attached to it. In Great Britain it is worth \$377,500; in Canada, \$98,928; in Australia, \$36,251; in New Zealand, \$14,798; in Sweden, \$13,598; in Norway, \$6,601; in South Africa, \$10,401; in Holland, \$7,188; in the United States, \$6,601; India, \$5,537; in Denmark, \$2,340; in France and Switzerland, \$10,000; total, \$644,618. Trade effects, stock, machinery, and goods on hand are valued at \$130,000. Some idea of the trade department may be gathered from the fact that they sell 22,000 Army bonnets every year to the female soldiers. To-day 2,861 corps are scattered over thirty-two different countries and colonies, with 9,349 officers and 13,000 noncommissioned officers.

An Indian Brave's Joke.

Two young women were alone one day in Yankton, when a young Indian brave whom they knew came to see the man of the house. The man was away, and the Indian sat down to wait for him. During this interval the girls, being of a lively turn, began asking him questions about his former mode of life; among other things they asked him to give a war-whoop and show them how he scalped people, but he gave no answer. Some time after when they were talking of other subjects and had forgotten all about him, he sprang up suddenly, gave a war-whoop that made the house-top ring, then, snatching a big knife that lay on the table with one hand, he took the top-knot of one of the girls in the other and hand ran the back of the knife in this manner, and were nearly frightened out of their wits, but he sat down and began to laugh, and told them he had done what they had asked him to do. They soon recovered from the shock and laughed heartily at the Indian's joke.

Clara—"Oh, I have so much to say to you." Maude—"And I to you. Let's go to the opera to-night."

From the report of the Registrar-General for Ireland it appears that in 1890 there were 787,901 acres in potatoes, a against 787,234 acres the year before, while the yield decreased 1,037,193 tons.

WINTER WRINKLES.

Are women born contrary, or is it acquired.

A man never gets so poor that he can't borrow trouble without security.

"Papa, what is a fad?" "A fad, my son, is somebody else's peculiarity."

Complaint is made that the choir sings out of tune. They should wear tunics.

Marriages are called "matches" because they are sometimes followed by scratching.

A boat is a funny thing, and so polite too. It never goes before the public without a bow.

Lot's wife originated, "Looking Backward" thousands of years before Bellamy was born.

The habitual drinker is hardly an amusing spectacle, and yet he raises a good many smiles.

Experience has established the fact that lawsuits are more wearing on a man than any other.

A man who is crushed under a falling ceiling would not be apt to consider the situation sublime.

A fugitive poem is one that has escaped from its author after it has been out doing time in a scrap book.

A woman who married a one-legged man says it doesn't take much to make her husband "hopping mad."

Never speak ill of anybody; you can do just as much execution with a shrug of the shoulders or a significant look.

"I," said Blinks, "started life without a cent in my pocket." "And I," put in Hicks, "started in life without a pocket."

Hot water is said to be a sure cure for every complaint, but we never knew a man to feel any better because his wife kept him in it.

Dolly—"So you've named the mare after me, Jack, you dear, silly boy?" Jack—"Yes; rather; she's the fastest little thing in the country."

"Not this Eve, some other Eve," gallantly remarked Adam, when his good wife was accused of having munched the sacred apple.

Aunt Mary—"Now, Jennie, let me see whether you know your lesson. Tell me who first discovered whalebone?" "Jonah, I guess."

Rejected you? Why, I thought she had a great interest in you." "But then love isn't so much a matter of interest with her as capital."

The man who will complain that a twenty-minute sermon is too long will sit half a day watching a couple of chess players making two moves.

Guest—"Have you a fire-escape in this house?" Landlord—"Two of 'em, sir." "I thought so. The fire all escaped from my room last night and I came home freezing."

Sportsman—"So your master is satisfied with the way his wife acted while the hunting party was here. What are the grounds for divorce?" Gamekeeper—"The woods over there."

"I beg pardon, but won't you ask your wife to remove her hat? I can't see the stage." Husband (whispering back)—"Ask her yourself, please. You don't know her as well as I do."

Kicker—"Why do you keep Smythe in your store? He is no good as a clerk?" Merchant—"No, he would hardly do as the head of a department; but he is all right as a counter-irritant."

Caller—"Please, sir, the master, Deacon Skinfint, died last night and the missus wants to know if you will preside at his funeral?" Long-Suffering Pastor—"Yes, certainly, with pleasure."

Mrs. Grumbs—"If that stranger you were talking to said nothing about his wife, how do you know he is married?" Mr. Grumbs—"Oh, he looked so sort o' sympathetic when I told him I was."

Farmer, with gun, who has just put up a sign, "To Trespassers—prepare for eternity!"—"I kinder like the idee, somehow or other. It has a religious feelin' runnin' through it, and at the same time means business."

"Are they heir-at-law?" inquired an attorney of one of his clients interested in an inheritance. "At law" was the explosive response. "Well, I should say they were. They've busted the old man's will all to thunder."

Miss Dasher—"I have been shopping to-day, papa, and I wish you would arrange to be at home when the things come. I have ordered everything C. O. D." Dasher, Senior—"Ah, yes! I understand; that means Call On Dad."

A baseball fact—
You can sometimes convince the most obstinate man
Of a thing so he'll have to admit it,
But you can't make the average girl understand
It's a "strike" when the batsman don't hit it.

First Chappie—"I say, ole chappie, the doctah says I must-aw-take more exercise or I'll be sick, don't you know." Second Chappie—"Do as the doctah says, me boy." First Chappie—"Ya-as, I'm goin' to discharge me vally and tie me own necktie."

"You say you truly love me," began the young girl; "how much, sir?" But Alfred T. J. Assimer (a dry goods clerk) was too happy for rational conversation. "A dollar eighty-four, please," he exclaimed. "Shall I wrap it up?" he murmured mechanically.

Mrs. Hire (to applicant for cook's place)—"But how am I to know that you have had experience? Have you any recommendation?" Cook (producing a paper)—"Experience is it I look at that, mum; it's a list of the crockery I've broke in the last twelve month."

Very Bad Boy (who has been playing truant)—"What was de text dis mornin', Jimmy? I has ter tell der folks when I get home or else they'll suspec' somfin' wrong." Good Little Boy (who is never absent)—"It was 'Go to your am't and get slugged,' as I tell you the sermon was fine."

Seasonable Rhymes:
The man who when June had its fever begot
Ne'er ventured to church 'cause 'twas thundering hot,
Now holds him aloft from the sanctified fold,
Because, as he says, "It's too thundering old."

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Country Talk.

Grey.

A great many are suffering from bad colds just now.

Who in this section have not seen the star of Bethlehem. It is visible in the eastern sky every morning.

Jno. Shiel is getting material on the ground for a large bank barn which he will put up next summer.

The saw mill men are getting in a good supply of logs. Although the sleighing has been very thin so far.

The petitions that are being presented in the different churches for the total prohibition of the liquor traffic are being largely signed.

There is another wedding on the carpet, this time it is a bachelor. If others take the hint and follow suit it will be quite lively for a while.

Harry Douglas, son of Adam Douglas of the 15th concession, had the misfortune to cut his foot badly while out chopping one day recently.

On Friday evening, 23rd ult., there was quite a gathering of young people at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. Bowerman, to give them a house-warming in their new home by the Maitland, in school section No. 1. Good music being supplied by Messrs. Edward Fox and A. Steiss, and all enjoyed themselves to the full. A collation was served at 12 o'clock p. m., after which an address was read, and a purse containing a sum of money, was presented to Mr. Bowerman as a token of regard from his former pupils in school section No. 8.

Then the dancing began anew, and was kept up till after 3 p. m., all putting in a merry time.

A match game of foot ball between the scholars of S. S. No. 1, and Cranbrook, played on the grounds of the latter, on Saturday, Jan. 24th, resulting in a score of 1 to 0 in favor of the home team. James Harris of the 6th concession acted as referee, and well and fairly did he perform his part, showing no partiality to either side. The visiting team wanted to play on another half hour, but the brave flux mill men refused. The game was well played, both teams doing some fine work; and it was so closely contested that there lacked only five minutes of the hour when the goal was made. It was county school against village; if it had been strictly school against school there would have been a different tale to tell.

LET US GATHER UP THE FRAGMENTS. This command has been more than practically demonstrated for the last few years by a few faithful lady workers of the 12th con., in the neighborhood of S. S. No. 1, who formed themselves into what is now known as the "King's Workers." The object of which society is to utilize any cast off clothing members or friends of the order are kind enough to supply. As Robbie Burns puts it, they "Gar the auld claes look amaisa as weel's the new," and when they have a good supply they send a box to Toronto where they are distributed to the King's Daughters, of that city, the President, Miss A. D. Watson, sending the following reply:—"Miss Botz, Sec. of 'King's Workers.'"—The Silver Cross Circle of King's Daughters wish me to thank you for them for the box of clothing you sent to Toronto. Mrs. Harvie, who is a member of our "Circle," knowing how much we require clothing for our work placed in our hands the garments you sent for distribution. The first thought that came to me when I saw the work done for the "King" was, how much trust one Christian has for another, for the very proof was before me when I saw how much had been sent to us. I will write and tell you where the clothes go, already we have given some away not waiting until Xmas. I like your name, "The King's Workers," that is what the "King's Daughters" really are, we do all we can in His name who did so much for us and through His love brought us into His household. I pray the King to bless you in your work of love for Him and His poor. I shall be glad to hear from you any time. If you wish for any information regarding the work in Toronto, or if I can help you in any way I will be glad to do so. I am yours, in His name, ANNIE D. WATSON, Pres. of Silver Cross Circle of King's Daughters. The King's Workers will be pleased to have additions to their membership and will also accept of articles of clothing from friends for distribution.

Elma.

John Hall, 12th con., is preparing to build a bank barn in the spring.

John Watson, 10th con., purposes having a sale of stock and implements shortly.

Miss Maggie Hume, 8th con., spent a few days in Atwood last week as the guest of Miss Lizzie Winter.

Reeve Cleland, 1st and 2nd Deputy Reeves Lochhead, and Hammond, attended the County Council last week.

Miss C. Lawson and Miss Jennie Richmond, teachers, of Logan township, spent Sunday at Miss Richmond's home, 12th con.

Miss Bella Vogan, of Carrick, who has been spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. Samuel Wherry, 12th con., left for Woodstock where she will continue her visit.

Wm. Hance, 12th con., is getting material on the ground for a fine brick residence which he intends erecting next spring. "Coming events cast their shadows before," William.

One day last week, Edward Rowland, 14th con., noticed a large white owl sitting on the barn and quickly getting his gun he shot it. The bird is one of the largest of its kind measuring 5 feet 4 inches across the wings. He will have it stuffed.

Thos. and Wm. Dickson, 7th con., are making preparations for putting stone foundations under and otherwise improving their outbuildings in the spring. The Dickson boys are among the most successful farmers of this township. A glance at their magnificent farms will convince you of this fact.

SCHOOL REPORT.—The following is the standing of the pupils in S. S. No. 4, at the examinations held during the month of January: Fifth Class—Laura Turnbull, Wm. Welsh, J. E. Smith, E. Smith, E. Turnbull, John Welsh. Senior Fourth Class—Wm. Hamilton, I. Smith. Junior Fourth Class—John Adams. Senior Third Class—Bert Turnbull, Ida Shannon, Maggie Hunter Mand Harris, R. Hamilton, T. Hamilton, Geo. Grubber. Junior Third Class—Etta Shannon, T. Peebles, E. E. Gannon, Wm. Welsh, E. Harris, A. Hunter, J. Edgar, B. Hamilton, E. Wilson, J. Fogal, A. Rozzell. Names in order of merit. Average attendance for the month 51. J. W. WARD, Teacher.

ORANGE BLOSSOMS.—The 8th con. has furnished several interesting social events of late, and still the merry wedding bells continue to ring out the glad tidings. The latest to join the ever increasing matrimonial ranks is Miss Barbara Grubber, daughter of Theo. Grubber, 8th con. Elma. The ceremony was duly solemnized by Rev. Father O'Neill, of Kinrossa, at the R. C. church, Silsburg, on Monday of this week. The bride, who was dressed very becomingly, was assisted by her sister and Miss Doherty, while the groom, Leo Ament, was supported by his brother and Patrick Bochlan. The young couple were accompanied from the church to her parents residence by an escort of friends where a sumptuous repast was partaken of and an enjoyable evening spent. Mr. and Mrs. Ament carry with them to their new home in Wallace township the best wishes of a host of friends. THE BEE also adds its congratulations.

SCHOOL REPORT.—The following are the names of the pupils of S. S. No. 7, who obtained the highest standing in their respective classes during the month of January. Names in order of merit: Fifth Class—Robert Angus, H. Duncan, Hester Vallance. Sr. Fourth Class—Ella Bennett. Jr. Fourth Class—George Love, Daisy Woleben. Sr. Third Class—Walter Hamilton, Roxey Smith, John Smith. Jr. Third Class—Mary Bennett, Henry Houze, Emily Attridge. Sr. Second Class—Robert Bowen, Nellie Little, John Lawrence. Jr. Second Class—Fred Ballantyne, Alvin Houze, Bertie Forrest. Jr. Second Class No. 2—Minnie Rowland. Sr. Part II. Class—John Ovans, Clara Elacott, Robert Fisher and Mary Hatherley (equal). Jr. Part II. Class—Herbert Rowland, Frank Ballantyne, Lucy Peet. Jr. Part II. Class No. 2—Minnie Attridge. Number of names registered during the month 50, number of girls 20, number of boys 30. Average attendance for the month 42. C. J. WYNN, Teacher.

The following lines were written in memory of Willie Barton, who died on Jan. 27th, 1890:—

There is no flock however watched and tended,
But one dead lamb is there;
There is no fireside howsoever defended,
But has one vacant chair.

A dear young friend has been called away,
He has left this world of sorrow;
Oh may we all the warning take,
Depend not on the morrow.

His mother's left behind to mourn
For one whom she held dear;
Oh what a blessing it must be,
When dying without fear.

He was a fair and gentle child,
His heart was full of love;
He was not long on this earth below
Till God called him above.

He suffered, yet he bore it well,
Physicians were in vain,
When the Almighty did relieve
Him from his earthly pain.

The last words our young friend spake,
While suffering with the pain,
Were: "Mother, please do let me go,
I cannot here remain."

With that he closed his eyes in death—
His hands upon his breast;
No more to meet them face to face,
His soul had sank to rest.

He's safe on yonder happy shore,
Within his father's arms,
There to sing Hosannah's praise
And dwell forever more.

Elma, Feb. 2, 1891.

—W. Hume.

Miss Maggie Shearer, of Poole, was visiting friends in the township this week.

It is the intention of Robert Morrison, 10th con., to dispose of his farm stock by auction on or about the 10th of March. Mr. Morrison's health has been somewhat poorly of late and for this reason he has decided to take a trip to Manitoba and the Northwest, leaving here about the 16th March. If the country suits him he will sell and remove his family there.

Frederick Oxtoby, Atwood, has purchased the 50 acre farm of Conrad Bernath, being part lot 29, 10th con. Grey. There is a very comfortable house, bank barn, orchard, &c., on the premises. The price was \$2,700. Mr. Bernath gives up possession in March and will likely locate in Ethel. He has been a resident of Grey for the past 33 years, living on the farm since 1865. Mr. Bernath will have a sale of stock, &c., in March.

The following is the relative standing of those pupils who took the highest number of marks at the weekly exams during the month of January:—Fourth Class—Jennie Douglas, Agnes Shearer, Hester Jickling, Maggie Hamilton, Jessie Cullen, Edwin Forbes, Ida Keith. Sr. Third—Chas. Douglas, Tena Shearer, Lottie Stewart, John Thompson, Maggie Burnett, Joseph Wethers. Jr. Third—Jessie Keith and Jennie Cleland (equal), Ida Forbes, Kate Rollings, Wm. Shearer, Etta Hay, Andrew Tennant. Sr. Second—Mary Shearer, Herbert Forman, Archie Atchison, Sarah A. Boyd, Edward Hamilton, Nettie Burnett. T. M. WILSON, Teacher.

Stratford.

Frogs have made their appearance. Why cannot Stratford have incandescent lights.

The mail is taken from the letter boxes three times per day. At 8 a. m. 2 p. m. and 5:30 p. m. Citizens may save a walk to the post office by noting above.

Robert Woolfe will open his city dining hall, Downie street, opposite the Market on Thursday. "Bob" as he is familiarly known has the reputation of keeping a first-class restaurant, and always keeps every delicious drink and toothsome edible known to the palate on hand. As the above is the only dining hall in the city Mr. Woolfe will command a good trade.

The store of Cheap Simon on Market street was broken into some time between 11:30 Sunday night and 1 o'clock Monday morning and some jewelry stolen, how much is not known. Stratford has been pestered considerably of late with petty burglaries, but be it said to the credit of the police force that so far the culprits have always been caught. No arrests have been made in connection with Sunday night's burglary.

Brussels.

Miss May Turnbull is on the sick list.

Rev. R. Paul preached in Gorrie last Sabbath.

Miss Luella Ross is visiting her grand parents in Grey.

J. A. Creighton was home from Palmerston on Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Crombie preached in Knox church last Sabbath.

Rev. W. E. Kerr, of Durham, was home for a short visit last week.

Miss Maggie McLaughlin, of New York, is visiting relatives in and around town.

Mrs. John E. Smith and children, of Brandon, Man., are visiting friends in Brussels.

The Salvation Army held their jubilee and banquet Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Rev. Mr. McLaughlin, of Wroxeter, is to exchange work with Rev. Mr. Sellery next Sunday.

Geo. Haist has been carving up his hands in the machinery at W. R. Wilson's foundry.

Rev. Ottawell, of Walton, preached at the special service in the Methodist church Tuesday night.

John Ball, who has been confined to the house for over a month with sciatica, is able to be out again.

The City Mutual Fire insurance Co. of London, Ont., has discontinued business. People having their property insured will do well to look up their policies at once.

Quarterly meeting and sacrament in the Methodist church last Sabbath. Rev. Mr. Sellery took his morning text, the words found in 2nd Cor. 8-9. In the evening the subject was, "The characteristics of the heavenly way," text, Isa. 55:8-10. Both discourses were listened to with great interest.

The plans and specifications for the proposed American Hotel, Brussels, to replace the one destroyed by fire, are now in the hands of A. Koenig. The building will be white brick, two stories high and will occupy the whole frontage of the lot, an arch affording ingress to the yard, sheds and stables. The main building will be 45x82 feet and the wing 32x60 feet.

EAST HURON REFORMERS.—A Convention of the Reformers of the East Riding of Huron will be held in the Town Hall, on Monday, 9th inst., at 1 o'clock, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the coming Dominion election contest, which takes place on Thursday, March 5th. As the time is short every Reformer will do well to make the meeting known. Howick, Wroxeter, Turnberry, Wingham, Morris, Grey, Brussels and Blyth municipalities constitute the East Riding of Huron. Each polling division is entitled to send four delegates to the meeting. The chairman of the respective municipalities are asked to attend to this matter at once. Dr. Macdonald and other prominent Reformers will address the gathering. A public meeting will be held in the Town Hall, here, on Monday evening, commencing at 7:30 o'clock, to which the public generally are invited.

Newry.

CHEESE MEETING.—The annual meeting of the patrons of the Newry cheese factory was held in Wynn's hall, on Friday last. A large number of the patrons were present who took a deep interest in the management of the affairs of the factory. Jas. Robb was appointed chairman, who filled the position in an impartial manner. The Secretary's report showed that 1,936,960 lbs. of milk had been received at the factory during the past year, and that 182,784 lbs. of cheese had been manufactured. Average lbs. of milk to lb. of cheese, 10.59; amount of money received \$16,919.63; average price for season 9 1/2 cents; total expenses \$2,327.50; average cost per lb. for manufacturing, boxes, shipping, book-keeping, &c., .0127; average value of milk per 100 lbs. to patrons 75c. Messrs. T. Lineham, R. Morrison and John Love were appointed a managing committee; Jas. Duncan, Treasurer; Jno. Morrison, Secretary; Robert Ballantyne, Salesman. The meeting passed off harmoniously and entire satisfaction appeared to prevail among the patrons.

The following is the report of S. S. No. 5 for the month of January. Names in order of merit: 5th and Senior 4th classes—W. Hume, Jno. Farrell, Minnie Alexander, James Morrison, James Dickson, Fred Wynn, Jas. Danbrook, Kittie Allison, John Fullarton, Albert Gray, Minnie Johnston, Robert McMane. Junior 4th—Barbara McIntyre, Fred Danbrook, Fanny Adams, M. Richardson, M. Fullarton, M. Chisholm, J. Gilmer. Senior 3rd—W. Holmes, A. Morrison. 2nd Junior 3rd—Carrie Gilmer, Thos. Fullarton, Maud Coulter, Maggie Allison, Chas. Ducklow, Charlie Coulter, P. Richardson, James Simpson, George Barton. 1st Junior 3rd—Annie Danbrook, Olive Attridge, Samuel Neustead, David Dunlop, Charles H. Coulter, Robert Johnston, Charles Struthers, Eva Gee, David Smith, Eva Holmes, Sarah Struthers, Fred House, Tilda Neustead, Richard Morrison, Liza Gilkinson. Second class—Laura Simpson, Willie Morrison, Laura McMane, Angus Dickson, Tina Allison, Melbourne Gee, Willie Struthers. Part II.—James Robb, Mervin Morrison, Albert Ducklow, Effie Hannah, Willie Gilmer, Fred Richardson, Willie Coulter, Maggie Johnston, Thos. McIntyre, Maggie McMane, Arthur Simpson. First Class—Whiteford Morrison, Nelie Struthers, Herbert Ducklow, Liza Richardson, Guy Hannah, John Hannah, Lily Holmes, Bennie House, Mabel House. Average attendance for the month 64.

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