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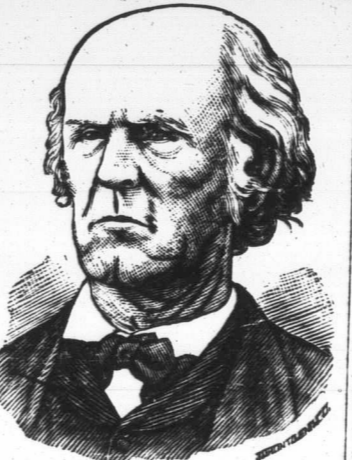
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**THE OLDEST MASON.**  
**John Jamieson, Who Died Recently at Batavia, Ohio.**  
There died recently one of the two last survivors of the war of 1812, John Jamieson, of Batavia, O. Mr. Jamieson was born at Lexington, Ky., on the 25th of October, 1785, and was, consequently, in his 96th year at the time of his death. His father kept a hotel at Cynthiana, Ky. In 1807 the hotel was burned and shortly afterwards John Jamieson was left an orphan.  
When the war of 1812 broke out he enlisted in the army and remained in it until the close of the war, and was the last survivor of a regiment of 740 men at the time of his death. He was in many battles with the British soldiers and Indians, and had many narrow escapes.  
During the last year of his service he was a spy, and often penetrated the enemy's lines. At one time he was discovered and chased seventy or eighty miles in one day by the Indians, and killed two bloodhounds that were following his trail, and got safely into camp.  
In 1818 Mr. Jamieson settled in Williamsburg, O., and married. He leaves five children and many grandchildren. His wife died about ten years ago. Since her death the old man was very anxious to go to his rest. On May 28, 1880, John Jamieson was initiated into Clermont Social Lodge, No. 29, of Free and Accepted Masons. He continued to be an active member of the fraternity all his life, and at the day of his death was the oldest Mason in the United States.  
Mr. Jamieson's life spanned an important period in American history. Living through five years of a century, the period of his existence covered every administration of the government from Washington to Cleveland. He saw the United States grow from 3,000,000 to 60,000,000 of people, and its frontier moved from the Ohio river to the Pacific ocean. He saw three wars, the last the most gigantic struggle the world has ever produced. He saw a new union, broken and formed again. Mr. Jamieson died of old age. He had no visible disease, and died from clear exhaustion, and without a struggle or pain, going to sleep and passing away so quietly that the moment of his death was not perceptible. He died in the full faith of the Christian religion.



**RICHARD HOLMES,**  
From a photograph taken about 17 years ago.

**A CENTURY OF LIFE.**

**THE ONE HUNDRETH BIRTHDAY OF A FREEMASON. — A GRAND CELEBRATION OF THE UNIQUE EVENT.**

**THE CELEBRATION.**

The Masonic fraternity of this section have just cause to feel proud of the result of their efforts to pay a fitting tribute of respect to one whom we believe to be the oldest Mason in Canada, if not in the world. At high twelve the brethren of the different Masonic lodges present met at the lodge room here, and made the final arrangements, and it about one a start was made for the residence of Mr. Holmes, situated about four miles north of the village. On our arrival we found fully seventy-five vehicles in the yards, and there must have been fully three hundred persons present. At 2 p.m. the Masons were admitted to the room where the venerable patriarch and the program was commenced by Bro. Wm. M. Johnston, M.A., reading the address presented by the members of Rising Sun Lodge No. 85, which was as follows:—

**"FARMERSVILLE, April 27, A. L. 5887.**  
**"Respected and Venerable Brother:—**

"The present occasion is one of very rare occurrence. Seldom are men called upon to welcome the completion of the one-hundredth year of a fellow mortal. More usual still is the celebration of such an event among Masons. It is our inexpressible pleasure to discharge this duty to-day towards one who has been an active member of society since the beginning of the present century, and a Mason for seventy-three years. In the name of the Great Architect of the Universe we greet you! In the name of the Great Geometrician we salute you! In the name of the Most High we welcome you! Last surviving landmark of primitive Masonry in Canada, we extend to you the hand of fellowship and brotherly love, trusting that you may yet for some time be spared to do honor to the Craft, and that when it pleases the Master to call you from this earthly Lodge of labor you may become an earnest worker in the GRAND LODGE above, where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns for ever."  
(Signed on behalf of the Farmersville brethren by W. M. Johnston, M. A., I. C. Algire, Sala Blancher, Jas. Ross).

Bro. Dr. Sinclair, of Delta, then stepped forward and presented the address from Harmony Lodge, No. 370, of which the following is a copy:—

"The members of Harmony Lodge, No. 370, A. F. & A. M., G. R. C., cheerfully embrace this opportunity of congratulating you, our dear brother, upon the centenary of your birth. We, the members of Young Harmony, congratulate you upon the noble superstructure reared by you on the corner-stone laid in the north-west corner of Old Harmony, more than three score and ten years ago.

"When with pardonable pride we reflect that your Masonic life has been an indeed more than the allotted years of man, we can but conclude, in accordance with the principle enunciated by the Patriarch Jacob in the Court of Pharaoh, that the days of your pilgrimage have not been filled with evil, but that the present uprightness of your stature is an emblem of the rectitude of your mind and actions, and that your wonderful longevity may, in some measure, be fairly attributed to your having through all your century regulated your life and actions according to the Masonic line and rule.

"Your upright life and square conduct we assure you, shall be a model for your brethren, whose prayer shall be that the Great Architect of the Universe may so encompass you with the arms of His love, that the remainder of your days, to they many or few, may not be dimmed by bodily and patiently away the sound of the gavel from above, and be endured with that power which will enable you to trample the King of Terrors beneath your feet, and ascend in triumph to the Grand Lodge and rules forever."  
(Signed on behalf of the Lodge by Omer Brown, W.M., Holmes Eye, A. S. Allen, John M. Sinclair, M.D., Walter Beatty, M.M.)

After the reading of the addresses, the venerable old gentleman, who was much moved by the evidences of fraternal love and respect which he saw and heard, made an extempore reply, the delivery of which showed him to be in possession of his mental faculties

to a degree quite extraordinary in one of his years. He said he was almost unable to find words to express his feelings and to thank the brethren and friends for their visit. The events of the day emphasized to him the truth of the quotation "How good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." He related many interesting reminiscences of his past life, which were very interesting and told in graphic style. He exhorted his visitors to a consideration of the revelations of the Great Master, his remarks on this subject being eloquent and earnest. He referred to his joining the Methodist Church in 1803, a fact which shows that he has been connected with the Christian Church for more than four score years. He also mentioned with pardonable pride that he had never used profane language in his life and had been a total abstainer from intoxicants. He thanked all present from the bottom of his heart for their hearty participation in the celebration, and concluded by asking as a favor that his brethren would attend as far as possible the last rites in the not far distant event of his being laid to rest with his fathers.

At the close of Bro. Holmes' remarks a large number of those present, including the prominent Masons of Farmersville, Delta, and Mallorytown, were severally introduced to him by W. Master Johnston. During the introductions it was pleasing to note the warmth with which he greeted those whose names were familiar to him, and the quickness with which he detected non-members of the Masonic fraternity. After a few parting pieces of fraternal conversation, he kindly gave their services to assist in making the affair a success the party dispersed.

**POETICAL.**

**ADDRESSED TO MR. HOLMES ON COMPLETING HIS ONE-HUNDRETH YEAR.**  
A hundred years have passed away,  
Since first that saw us at the day,  
To glad our eager sight,  
The days of old are vivid brought  
To our minds are visions thought  
Of love and joy and mirth,  
And in our minds are visions thought  
Of truth that never dies.  
"The young may die, the aged must,"  
Hast thou been proved to be,  
And now thou stand'st with loving trust,  
But waiting to meet fate,  
Upon the threshold of this earth,  
With hand outstretched to grasp  
A breath, where there is no dearth  
Of love and joy and mirth,  
In that fair land where all is bright,  
May'st thou at last rest secure,  
And in the darkness of that night  
May courage still endure.  
And when the gavel in Death's hand  
Calls you from earth to heaven,  
May you be numbered in that band  
Who know the mystic test.  
And to the Lodge of Heavenly Love  
May you forever shine,  
Near to the throne of God above,  
Be this our prayer and mine."  
— CONTRIBUTED.

**AN ACROSTIC.**

The name and the acts of our shall be  
On memory's page with Masonry.  
Revered and highly respected brother,  
In fraternal love we greet each other;  
Cheered by thy brotherly greeting given,  
Here on the level and on the square,  
Are we assembled to do thee more boast,  
For thou art ours, our honor where  
Duty called, pointed the way to heaven.

**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH.**

Richard Holmes, the subject of this sketch, was born on the 27th of April, 1787, in the town of Chatham, Columbia county, New York. His father, Abram Holmes, came from the north of Ireland before the revolutionary war, settling in Chatham and remaining there until after the birth of his five sons and four daughters, of whom Richard was the youngest. One son, Abram died on an ocean voyage, and was buried in Cuba. The eldest daughter married, and passed her life in New York State. Mrs. Holmes, Richard's mother, died in 1792, and in 1790 Mr. Holmes, with four sons and two daughters, came to Canada and settled below Brockville. In 1800 the family moved into the Lake Elvada neighborhood, where Abram Holmes died in October, 1822. The eldest son settled in the western part of what was then Upper Canada, where he spent the remainder of his life. Hugh lived on the farm on which his father resided until the winter of 1842-3, when he died. Ninon became an itinerant Methodist preacher, and travelled a number of years in different parts of the Province. He finally settled near the River Thames, where he taught school for sixteen years, acting at the same time as local preacher. He left the school in his taken health one evening, and was the two sisters who came to Canada with the family, settled in this section. One married Stephen Scott, and lived and died on the farm where their son Sealbary now resides. She died in 1863. The other sister, the youngest daughter of the family, married a Mr. McCrae, of the township of Montague, Lanark. She died in 1869. Richard, whose natal anniversary is

celebrated to-day, taught school for a number of years, and on the 27th of March, 1827, settled down on a home farm, on which he has resided ever since. In 1813 he was made a Mason in a Lodge which was organized by Orange Risden, and which met in Thos. Howe's barn. This barn is still standing a few rods from Lake Elvada. Mr. Holmes has had a family of twelve children, ten of whom are still living. Hiram, the eldest of those living, resides in Farmersville. Three daughters live in the house with their father and one son lives near by. Another lives near Brockville, one in Clinton, one in Madoc and one in Michigan.

(We are pleased to be able to announce that next week we shall publish a number of reminiscences of Mr. Holmes, extending back over a period of more than seventy years. We feel assured they will be perused with interest by our readers. These reminiscences will be verbatim reports of incidents as related by Mr. Holmes.)

**COUNTY NEWS.**

**Algire's Corners.**  
The trustees are preparing to repair the woodshed of S.S. No. 7.

Mr. Mallory has sold a horse to his brother of Colbourg. Price \$200.

Mr. A. M. Ferguson, inspector of D. M. McPherson's cheese factories, has left for Huntingdon, Que. We wish him success.

The team of Mr. Chas. Johnson attached to a lumber wagon ran from his sugar house home, causing slight damage.

One day last week two railroads obtained a rig from a Farmersville livery man and drove to Brockville. On returning with a load of whiskey on board, they turned the corner here a little too sharp, and found themselves in the ditch. The buggy and harness were badly broken and most of their precious fluid spilt.

**Glen Buell.**

C. J. Gilroy's cheese factory is in full blast. It started on the 15th inst. with Mr. Parker Seaman as manager, and young Mr. Kirkland as helper. Mr. G. has spared no pains to bring his factory up to an A. No. 1 condition, and with a first-class cheesemaker expects to turn out a fine article.

Two Americans stayed at Mr. John Sturgeon's over Sunday, with a drove of cattle. Before leaving they supplied some of the neighbors with very good cows. And still the exhibition goes on.

Mr. O. F. Ballis passed around the neighborhood and collected ten gallons of maple syrup and sixty pounds of very nice sugar, for presentation to the Rev. J. B. Richardson. Will other appointments on the circuit do likewise?

Mr. Henry Lee sold a few days ago a very nice pair of black gellings, for \$350. When the logs fail it takes Henry to make both ends meet.

Mr. Alven Orton is making some improvement around his house, by levelling the ground in front in preparation for a very nice lawn. He will further beautify the place by a handsome new picket fence.

**Front of Yonge.**

Hughabloom's Corner last Saturday was all alive, and the stores and business quarters were well patronized by gentlemen farmers, their sons and daughters.

Miss Bowser, who teaches the Canton school, is very popular and spares no pains in the advancement of her pupils. Her father is a well-to-do farmer of Bastard, near Delta. Tennant & Co. are manufacturing, among other things too numerous to mention, a large quantity of cheese boxes, which are all made by contract for the season.

If the Scott Act was as well enforced in all the counties in which it has been carried as it has been up to the present in the District of Brockville and South Leeds, temperance would cover the land as the waters cover the mighty deep.

We visited the beautiful residence of Mr. D. D. Tennant last week, and found said gentleman busily engaged in making sugar. Mr. Tennant makes a first class sugar. We also visited the ladies' department, where everything was being done to set the splendid residence in order.

**A MAIDEN SPEECH**

**Recently Delivered by a Budding Farmersville Orator.**

At the request of a large number of Mr. W. Connor's friends, we publish the following *verbatim et literatim* report of the speech delivered by him at an entertainment in the Methodist Church.

Mr. Chairman.—*Ladies and Gentlemen,*—I suppose your curiosity is excited—you wonder what you are going to hear and why I assume this position. For honor, popularity, or levity? No; my theme is not designed to propagate, but I might just say is simply expiatory, and that were my heritage as loquacious, as mechanical,

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and diffidence being replaced by erudition, doubtless my limited remarks would be more certain to meet with elogy than criticism, not wishing to infer that the latter will predominate, nor to make mention of one word, or give utterance to a single expression with a view to reflect on or offend even the most sensitive or delicate person here. My allusions will be chiefly to the boys, especially those who appear to have been slighted as previously mentioned.

Boys, you must not contemplate going through this world without being subjected to indifference and disrespectful treatment, even by your friends. I say this not that you may mistake confidence in them but that it may tend to a preparation of endurance should anything of the kind originate. I think, however we invariably imagine such things, and frequently the prevailing state of affairs obviates a possibility of complete harmony, notwithstanding the good designs of the party or parties who may be unjustly censured. Of course, I frankly admit there are persons who are, I will not say ignorant, but, more mildly speaking, injudicious enough to slight, gossip about and slander almost every one; for unfortunately it's a part of their nature. They give credence to every current report without questioning the validity of such, and with as much watchfulness as a vigilant they await the approach of some individual to whom they can reveal it with no diminution whatever, but in nice cases out of ten augmentation is almost certain to ensue. Yes and they even jump at conclusions. Tell them profound secrets and in less than twenty-four hours they are as public as the "probability" in Mr. Parish's store.

These are the characters who are the most free and ready to gratify themselves, be placed in the confidence of any and every one and the sooner you ignore such from your society the better. Never reprove those who are reserved, nor attribute it to haughtiness. It's only modesty, good judgment and self respect. People who have no respect for themselves have very little if any for others. It takes time to become acquainted with a true lady or gentleman, and, accordingly, your society will be according to the traits of character you possess, which can be wonderfully improved by strict observance of demeanor. Brother Fisher, in calling on Mr. Hartwell a few Sunday ago, remarked that he was pleased to have him here, that he was a credit to his friends, and expatiated on the importance of children being a credit to their parents and friends. Some may say, "it's no use for me trying. My parents and relatives are not never have been an honor to me." True; and all the more reason why you should put forth an effort to elevation. There are no parents so mean and debased but what feel proud to know their children occupy positions of honor and trust. Boys, do what you do like men—no sneaking around it. Look every one straight in the face without a flinch, and you will command respect. Let bygones be bygones; and do not resort to the means you spoke of for consolation, nor do as we are told Cortez, cotqueor or Mexico, did, when neglected by his people. He mounted the sovereign's carriage and proclaimed with a sort of sarcastic mien and patriotic satisfaction, when asked who it was that would make such a breach of etiquette, "I am a man who has given you more provinces than your ancestors had left you cities." and he withdrew from public life, lived in solitude, brooded over his sorrows and died of a broken heart. No profit in this course of procedure. Ladies, have moral courage enough to bear undeserved negligence and submission to superiority. Let it only arouse you to greater activity to attain to pre-eminence over those who are presuming. Labor for what you can get and if it be only ten cents a day, save a part of it. If twenty cents, lay by half of that, and if five dollars make the best use of all of it that will keep you decent. A man who cannot live on ten cents per day can't live on ten dollars. Have a mind of your own and an object in view, adhere to these principles and you will prosper as these principles and you will prosper as these principles of independence, so that when imposition is attempted by any one you can more readily resent it. But I prevail on you to cherish a disposition of forbearance, for one writer says it's a virtue until passing a certain limit, and then it becomes poltroonery. Hundreds are gulping down dime novels, stories, obscene literature, forming romantic conceptions of business, looking for something more than ordinary, expecting perfection, and finally winding up their miserable existence with mad mistake and sad disappointment. Have charity. Do not exact too much of any one. If a person has two redeeming qualities that will counterbalance a bad one, give credit for it, remembering as one author stated that the man who goes through public (and I think he might have said private) life without any reproach clinging to his name is as remarkable a spectacle as the Hebrew children, who passed scathless through the fiery furnace.



**THE REPORTER.**

B. LOVERIN, Editor and Proprietor.  
FARMERSVILLE, APRIL 27, 1887.

**FARMERSVILLE AND VICINITY.**

**Our Reporter's Note Book Turned Inside Out for the Benefit of the Public.**

New Stock of wall paper at A. Parish & Son's.  
Mr. James' little boy Alva is very ill with rheumatism.

Mr. Tros. BENEX is slowly recovering from his sickness.  
Go to A. PARISH & SON for your carpets. Good Tapestry, 30c. per yd.

Mr. PHIL. WILTSE, of the Montreal House, is still confined to his bed with a severe attack of acute rheumatism.

Mr. FRED. LEE, of LYP, gave us a parting visit yesterday. He leaves on Friday next for Michigan, Nebraska, and California.

NEXT SUNDAY, and until further notice, the Presbyterians will hold service in the morning, and the Baptists in the evening.

WINTER IS LINGERING in the lap of Spring, and early Monday morning drew attention to her tardiness by sprinkling half an inch of snow upon the ground.

THE BROCKVILLE DAIRYMEN'S Board of Trade will meet for the transaction of important business, at the St. Lawrence Hall, Brockville, on the 5th of May, at 2:30 p.m.

THE SUBJECT of the Rev. Jas. Pular's discourse at the Presbyterian service next Sunday morning will be "The Conversion of Lydia, or How a Soul may Come to God."

SEVERAL High School pupils have been more or less seriously ill during the past week, including Miss Maggie Bellamy, Miss Bert Chamberlin, Miss Emma Blackman, Miss Nellie Robinson, and Miss Victoria Tryon.

MR. CHAS. G. ALGERIE wishes us to state that the report which is being circulated that he is going out of the marble and granite monument business is not correct, as he has no such intention but will carry on the business as usual. The shop will continue to be under the management of Mr. Ed. McLean.

THE CELEBRATED STALLION "Jefferson Star" will have the following route during the season of 1887: Lyndhurst, Seely's Bay, Morton, Elgin, Newboro', Portland, Harlem, and home. We understand that parties in Newboro' have offered the proprietor, Abel Stevens, the sum of \$1,000 for "Jeff." but he thinks that if the horse is worth that sum in Newboro' he is worth just as much in Farmersville, and has therefore concluded not to part with him for this season at least. Bills will be issued from this office in a few days, giving the routes of both "Jeff." and the Clydesdale "Sexton."

ONE OF THE TEACHERS in this county encourages his pupils to write paragraphs upon local events, which are published in the Reporter fortnightly. If two or more pupils write up the same event, we understand the teacher selects for publication what he decides to be the best. By this means the pupils become interested in their surroundings, and obtain a practical acquaintance with composition which they could not as readily acquire in any other way. We have a proposition to make to the teachers and pupils of the County of Leeds. Let the teachers adopt the plan indicated above, and to the scholar who writes the best budget of news, containing not less than one hundred words, during any three weeks, we will send the Reporter for three months gratis, to the address the successful competitor may indicate. The teacher in each case is to be the judge of the excellence of the compositions, and the names of the successful competitors will be published, if they so desire. We should prefer to receive the news paragraphs weekly instead of fortnightly.

WILLIAM PALMER, a native of Plum Hollow, and a man who has seen many and strange vicissitudes, having in the course of the past 20 years been employed in a great many different occupations in nearly every section of the county, was on Saturday last taken to the Kingston penitentiary to serve out a sentence of two years for larceny. The offence, as brought out in the evidence before P. M. Peacock, may be briefly summarized as follows: On the 8th of the present month Palmer, who has been living in Brockville, went out to the residence of an old and wealthy farmer, named Pierce Acheson, living on the 6th concession of Elizabethtown, and asked for work. Acheson was engaged in writing a letter at the time, and had \$100 on the table, including one \$50 bill. Palmer is said to have pressed a hand to be taken into service, and Acheson got up and went into the next room, presumably to consult his sister, who keeps house for him. He was absent but a moment, but on his return he found Palmer and his \$100 had disappeared. On the 11th inst. Acheson went to Brockville, and had a warrant issued for Palmer's arrest, which was placed in the hands of the police. The police not making the arrest, a duplicate warrant was placed in the hands of constable McPhall, who soon had his man in "quod." Palmer was at once taken before the police magistrate, and when confronted with the charge stoutly denied all knowledge of the matter, and declared that he had a cent about him; but on searching him the constable found nearly \$9. Friday morning last he was up for trial and elected to be tried by the police magistrate, when he was found guilty, it having been proved that Palmer had tried at several places to change a \$50 bill. On Saturday he was up on remand, when he was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary, and was taken the same afternoon to that place in charge of Deputy Sheriff Robinson.

**COUNTY NEWS-LETTERS**

Received from Our Own Correspondents During the Past Week.

**Elgin.**

The farmers in this vicinity have been well rewarded for waiting for sugar weather, for there has been a regular outpouring of sap, and they have been enabled to fill their cans, pans, tubs, and friends, with syrup and sugar.

We are pleased to see our postmaster able to be out on the streets again. He has been confined to the house all winter, and is now slowly recovering, under the skillful treatment of Dr. Bowen, of Seely's Bay.

The cheese factories in general are to commence business the coming week, and on account of the high price of cheese the patrons are straining every nerve to increase the number of cows and to put them in condition to send a greater quantity of milk than ever before. Success to the enterprise.

**Elbe Mills.**

B. Deter has been sent to the lunatic asylum, Kingston.

Our cheese factory opened on Monday last.

Mrs. Anson Earl caught cold moving here, and has been quite ill since. The freezing at nights since snow went off has been bad for fall grain and grass.

Mr. B. Towriss had two teams plowing on Friday, 22nd inst., the first, I think done in this vicinity.

Mr. F. Haskins has moved into the house at the mill, and Mr. Tripp into Mrs. Steg's tenement house.

Mr. Osborne, sr., is getting building material sawn for a new house in Brockville, for his own occupation it is said, intending to retire from farming. If what is said of Mr. O., jr. is true, a notice will be required in another department of your paper.

**Newboro.**

The roads are getting dry and in very good condition for travel. Some of our farmers have commenced ploughing.

Quarterly services were held in the Methodist Church, on Sunday last. Rev. Mr. Howard, of Elgin, preached to a large congregation.

Mrs. Wm. Sturgeon has a splendid collection of house plants, all in bloom. Her windows are a marvel of beauty, and are admired by all.

Mr. Geo. Lyons and his two boys, narrowly escaped serious injury last Friday evening. While out driving his horse shied suddenly, throwing them out. The animal was captured without any damage being done.

Mr. Jas. Allen, who lost his cow by fire last winter, has been presented with another by a number of his friends. He desires to thank those who kindly contributed.

The ice is fast disappearing out of the creeks and marshes near the lakes. The boys have begun to run, and the boys are in for sport. We hear of one of our "local sports" getting a fine pile last week which he considered the best catch this spring. But a Westport man "takes the cake," as he came down and caught a fine Sturgeon, weighing—well we'll not say now, lest it be thought a fish story.

Rev. Mr. Tennant slipped and fell on Saturday last, somewhat injuring his head and face. He was unable to officiate at church on Sunday.

We notice our resident baker, Mr. Trussell, has appeared out with a fine new delivery wagon.

A man was heard to say on the street the other day, that 'Newboro' should have a correspondent to some local paper. He does not take the Reporter, nor yet the Kingston Whip.

On Friday evening last, Rev. W. Wright, on behalf of the congregation of St. Mary's (Anglican) Church, presented Miss Nicol with a handsome gold watch, as a mark of respect for the interest she has taken as organist of the church, and the general work of the parish.

And now, that I am speaking of watches, Miss Eliza Hart is also the recipient of one, an Easter gift from her brother, Will, who is in Wilmer City, Minn.

To-day (Monday) Mr. Brown, constable of Farmersville, arrested Horace Hunt, who lives on the Bedford Mills road, for violation of the Scott Act. He will probably be jailed, and his large family have to be supported by the town.

...Misses India Mason and Ella Birdsell are holding revival services at Latimer, near Seely's Bay. They are meeting with great success.

...The Rev. Mr. Peacock, constable of Elizabethtown, and asked for work. Acheson was engaged in writing a letter at the time, and had \$100 on the table, including one \$50 bill. Palmer is said to have pressed a hand to be taken into service, and Acheson got up and went into the next room, presumably to consult his sister, who keeps house for him. He was absent but a moment, but on his return he found Palmer and his \$100 had disappeared.

...The population of Brockville is 8,296.

...Wm. Dargavel, of Elgin, has been appointed lockmaster of Newboro'.

...Butter brings only from 15 to 18 cents and eggs 12 cents in the Gouverneur, N. Y., markets.

**BIRTHS, MARRIAGES & DEATHS.**

Notices under this head inserted free of cost.

**Deaths.**  
TAPLIN—On the 20th inst., at Ashlton, Malvina Herrington, wife of Charles K. Taplin, aged 35 years.

**CURRENT PRICES.**

GRAIN.—Oats, peas and buckwheat are called for. Oats, 35c.; peas, 50 to 55c.; buckwheat, 50c.

BUTTER is in demand, and sells from 17c. for fair to 18c. for prime.

EGGS are plentiful at 11c.

LARD.—There is demand for a quantity at from 12 to 13c.

Hides fetch \$3.50 to \$4.50; pelts, 50 to 80c.

HAY sells from \$3 to \$9.

MEAT.—Beef, \$4 to \$5; fresh pork in good demand at \$7.50 for medium size. Pork retails at 8 to 10c. Smoked hams wanted at 11 to 12c.

POULTRY.—Chickens are in demand at from 30 to 35c. per pair.

POTATOES.—These tubers are in demand at from 40 to 45c.

RUTA BARIAS.—A few bags would find quick sale at 35c.

BEANS range from \$1 to \$1.10.

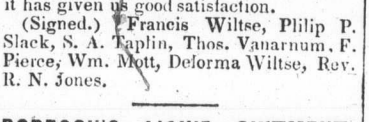
ONIONS wanted at 90c to \$1.

**NOTICE.**

BROCKVILLE DAIRYMEN'S BOARD OF TRADE meet at the St. Lawrence Hall, Brockville,

Thursday, 5th May, 1887, at half-past two p.m., for business of importance connected with the dairymen's interests. All persons interested are requested to attend.

JAS. MILLAR, C. J. GILROY, President. Sec.-Treas.



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A GENUINE PREPARATION FOR SCRATCHES, CALKS, SORE SHOULDERS, &c., &c., &c.

PRICE 50c. PER BOX.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We, the undersigned, have used Robeson's Salve for scratches and calks, and it has given us good satisfaction.

(Signed) F. Francis Wilste, Philip P. Slack, S. A. Kaplan, Thos. Vanarman, F. Pierce, Wm. Mott, Deforma Wilste, Rev. R. N. Jones.

**ROBESON'S LIQUID OINTMENT,**

FOR SURE CURE OF SPAVIN, RINGBONE & CURB.

Is a genuine remedy for the above, if applied according to directions.

Price \$1.00 per bottle.

Prepared by Isaac Robeson, Farmersville.

**Stock . . Complete.**

**H. H. ARNOLD**

IS NOW SHOWING a most complete stock of NEW SPRING GOODS, carefully selected, and at prices to suit the closest buyers.

TO SEE our DRESS GOODS is to ADMIRE them; to learn their price is to wonder at their value. The same can be said of our Dress Gings (over 50 patterns at 10c.)

Also our Prints, Shirtings, Cottonades, Grey and White Cottons, are pronounced by the people to be the BEST VALUE shown in Farmersville this season. Our Canadian, Scotch and English Tweeds and Suitings are SECOND TO NONE in appearance or value, and to see them before buying may mean to you money saved.

An inspection will prove our assertion. Men's Spring Hats in great variety just arrived.

**Brockville Cemetery**

**MARBLE WORKS**

**L. DE CARLE,**

Manufacturer and Dealer in all kinds of HEADSTONES and MONUMENTS.

IN MARBLE OR GRANITE.

✓ Cheaper than the Cheapest. ✓ P. O. Box No. 192 Brockville, Ont.

**THE OLD RELIABLE**

**Tailoring House**

**A. M. CHASSELS**

MAIN ST., FARMERSVILLE.

SUITS MADE UP IN THE LATEST STYLES AT SHORT NOTICE.

ALL WORK WARRANTED.

My reputation as a first-class workman is now so well established in this section that it is not necessary that I should take up space in recommending my work to the public.

**THE GREAT BARGAIN HOUSE**

There are GREAT FEARS among some of our Brother Merchants that

Our Craft is in Danger!

As we have heard first one SQUEAL and then another about Bankrupt Stocks, Spot Cash on 6 months Credit, &c., &c. All we have to say is that we Will sell Goods CHEAPER than any of these Squealers as we buy more goods for 60c than they can for 1.00, which is proof positive that we can sell more goods for 1.00 than our neighbors who are making so much noise and advertising us so freely. Come along

And see the prices advertised on bill-board Outside, marked in plain figures, such as Eclectic Soap 5c a bar, 16 lbs. Granulated Sugar 1.00, 20 lbs. Bright Sugar 1.00, 20 yds Good Print 1.00, 12 yds dress Goods 1.00, check Shirting 8c per yd, Good yard wide Cotton 5c, good Cambric 6c per yard, &c.

The Proof of the Pudding is in the Eating thereof.

**BROWN & CO.**

**SINGLETON BROS.,**

HARDWARE MERCHANTS,

DELTA, - - - ONT.

The subscribers in returning thanks for past patronage, beg to inform the public that they have made arrangements to have a full line of Builders and Carriage makers Hardware reach us by the First Boat in the spring.

Our general stock consists of a full line of Stoves, Iron, Steel, Nails, Screws, Locks, Hinges, Paints, Oils, Varnishes, and Glass, and a full line of Gas fixtures and Cheese Factory Supplies. Prices Low.

**- GREAT - BARGAINS -**

THE subscriber has had a number of first class mechanics at work during the past few weeks, who have turned out a large quantity of

**FIRST CLASS**

**- HARNESS -**

Made from the best material and in the latest style.

In order to meet the demand for CHEAP HARNESS, we have procured a lot of factory-made goods, which we will sell from \$11 per set up.

**SEE OUR HOME-MADE COLLARS.**

A large stock to select from.

Nearly 20 sets of harness now on hand. A full line of whips, brushes, curry combs, &c.

**FARMERSVILLE**

SHAVING PARLOR.

**GAMBLE HOUSE.**

WHILE thanking my patrons for past favors, I beg to assure them that the report that I am about leaving Farmersville is entirely untrue. I shall always be found at the Gamble House Shaving Parlor, ready to give courteous and skillful attention to my friends, who are too numerous for me to even think of anything else but staying right here.

No shoving on Sunday.

**CHINA HALL,**

BROCKVILLE.

GREATEST VARIETY

OR—

CHINA, GLASS, EARTHEN-WARE & FANCY GOODS

In Central Canada.

20 PER CENT. DISCOUNT.

Just now we are giving GREAT BARGAINS in China and Printed Tea Sets, Enamelled and Printed Dinner and Breakfast Sets, and Enamelled and Printed Chamber Sets.

When in Brockville call and see the above lines of goods. They are cheap.

CHINA HALL.

F. W. WEST.

**EAGLE WRINGER.**

Best in the World!

ANTI-FRICTION GEARING, REQUIRING NO OIL.

SOLID WHITE RUBBER ROLLERS, VULCANIZED TO SHAFTS.

CONSTRUCTED ENTIRELY OF MALLEABLE IRON, GALVANIZED IN THE BEST POSSIBLE MANNER.

**CONNOR'S**

**IMPROVED WASHER!**

Best Washing Machine in the Market.

These machines will be left on trial for a reasonable period, and no sale unless a fair trial proves them to be satisfactory to the customer. Read our circulars carefully.

R. W. CHALIS.

Agent, Farmersville.

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OPPOSITE NEW POST OFFICE, BROCKVILLE, - ONTARIO.

Photographs taken by Daylight or Electric Light. Bromides a Specialty.

Parties wanting photographs enlarged should send them direct to the gallery, as all kinds of work is guaranteed first-class, at lowest Prices. None but first-class material used, and first-class artists employed in each department. Those wanting photos, or enlargements should call and inspect our work, as we Advertise Nothing but what we Can do.

R. H. GAMBLE, - - Photographer, SUCCESSOR TO A. C. McINTYRE. 3-29

**Farmersville Store Depot.**

The subscriber wishes to inform the citizens of Farmersville and surrounding country that he has purchased the stock and business of J. H. Percival, and will carry on the business of

**Tinsmithing in all its Branches**

AT THE OLD STAND,

Karley's Block, Main Street Opposite Gamble House

Having a few STOVES on hand which we are anxious to clear out we will continue the offer made by Mr. Percival and give a **Price of a Dozen extra steel Knives & Forks to each Customer** Who purchases a stove at regular prices for cash.

4-6 W. F. EARL.

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FARMERSVILLE.

**'87. --: SPRING CAMPAIGN. :-- '87.**

**Bargains for the People!**

We have just received our spring stock direct from the Best Manufacturers and Wholesale Markets of Canada. We bought for

**CASH, SPOT CASH,**

And therefore have secured the Best Discount and Bottom Prices, which goes to show that we can and will give our customers

NEWER GOODS, BETTER VALUE, LOWER PRICES, and GREATER BARGAINS THAN ANY HOUSE IN TOWN.

And furthermore, we are bound to sell 20 PER CENT. CHEAPER than any OLD BANKRUPT STOCK or SHELVE-WORN GOODS can be sold.

**DON'T Buy until you have Inspected our Stock and Prices. Goods Shown with Pleasure.**

**LAMB & DAVISON.**

TEAS AND COFFEES A SPECIALTY. Highest Prices Paid for Farm Products.

**TEA**

Do you want a Pound of Tea? It so it will pay you to get it at THE Tea Store, Brockville.

Do you want 5 Pounds of Tea? It so it will pay you to get it at THE Tea Store, Brockville.

Do you want a Chest of tea! If so it will pay you to get it at THE Tea Store, Brockville.

All Teas Guaranteed to Give Satisfaction, and can be returned if not liked after trial.

Sign of the Big T T. W. DENNIS, The Brockville Tea Store, Bigg's New Block, Main st.

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From my long experience in the business and after closely studying the wants of the trade, I believe I have on hand for this seasons trade

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Find any parties who may see this ad. will not be doing justice to themselves if they do not call and

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Farmersville, March 9th, 1887.

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Our "English" Wood Gil—Something New—Finest in the Market. Our Cylinder Oil—600 fire test—much superior to Tallow.

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