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Country Talk.

Bornholm.

A very sad occurrence took place on Tuesday of last week, which cast a gloom over the place. As Mr. Baker and his son, of the 9th con., were engaged in felling a tree the former was struck with it, which rendered him helpless for a time. The son hastened home for a sleigh in which to convey his father, but after going a few rods fell dead, where he was found some time afterwards by his father, who had gained strength enough to walk a little. The boy was about 22 years old and much respected by all who knew him.

Ethel.

Council met here last Monday. Business continues to improve. H. F. McAllister has taken a partner. The young man's name is McAllister and looks like H. F.

Dr. Cale's uncle died at Stratford, on Friday, Dec. 5th. The funeral was on Sunday. Our M. D. attended.

We would like our Ethel scribe to forward us the news in abundance during the next few weeks.—Ed. Bee.

Remember the public school examination to-day (Friday) and the entertainment to be given by the Sons of Temperance this evening.

Rev. Mr. Paul, of Brussels, occupied the Methodist pulpit last Sabbath evening. It seemed like old times to hear him preach to us once more.

On Monday evening of last week a number of the village young people took advantage of the sleighing and spent a very enjoyable time at the residence of Jas. Livingston, 16th con.

The annual meeting of the patrons of the Ethel cheese factory will be held in Mr. Burton's Hall, Ethel, on Wednesday, 24th Dec., at 1 o'clock p. m. Patrons and all interested are requested to attend.

Elma.

E. E. Harvey, of University College, Toronto, arrived home, 10th con., last Tuesday. He looks well.

A school examination will be held in U. S. S. No. 2, Elma and Wallace boundary, on Monday afternoon, 22nd inst. All are welcome.

A tea meeting at Jubilee church, 12th con., on Tuesday evening, Dec. 23rd, at 5 p. m. Revs. Smith, Davis and others, with musical entertainment, will make up the program.

Some dissatisfaction is expressed over the 14th con. drain by several farmers whose lots are affected by it. They claim that the drain is fully 17 inches less in width in some places than the contract calls for.

Miss R. Inglis, 6th con., Elma, has been engaged to teach a school near Toronto for 1891, at a salary of \$325. She is at present attending the Ottawa Normal. We wish her unbounded success.

We are sorry to learn of the departure of Wm. Burnett from our township. He has leased his farm to Mr. Parr for a period of five years. We sincerely hope that prosperity may attend Mr. Burnett in his new home near Elora.

The entertainment and Christmas merry-go-round, to be held in the Methodist church on the evening of Dec. 24, in the interests of the Sabbath School, is expected to be a leading feature of the holiday season. A good program is being prepared. Don't miss it.

Township Council met at Graham's hotel, Atwood, on Monday last. The business of the year was wound up, it being the last meeting of the present Council. The contractor of the 14th con. drain was paid off, the drain being completed to the satisfaction of the Board.

On Thursday, 11th inst., a number of the ratepayers of the southern part of the township met in the school house, 16th con., and decided to bring out T. E. Hammond to contest the 2nd Deputy-Reeveship at the forthcoming municipal election. He should poll a big vote.

Municipal matters are being discussed in various parts of the township, particularly in the south, and a list of would be candidates names are mentioned. Many of the older and more calculating ratepayers seem to think, however, that the present Council should be re-elected.

On Tuesday morning of last week it was a surprise party to J. C. Heffernan to find that during the night some unknown party had put an auger hole in the side of his grain store and allowed a fair load of wheat to run into their possession. As a quantity of wheat was found on the ground, and the hole plugged, it would appear that the thieves were anxious to get to market before a decline in price took place. It is to be hoped some clue may be found and the guilty party be brought before a J. P. to receive their just reward.

Following is the relative standing of the pupils in S. S. No. 2, Elma, for the month of November. Fourth Class—Jae Thompson, Jennie Douglas, Edwin Forbes, Agnes Shearer. Senior Third—Charles Douglas, Tena Shearer, John Thompson, Mabel Turnbull. Junior Third—Mary Spahr, William Shearer, Ida Forbes, Jennie Cleland. Senior Second—Mary Shearer, Archie Aitchison, Edward Hamilton, Sarah A. Boyd. Junior Second—Hector Aitchison, Ellen Turnbull, Florence Cullen, Deatry Spahr. Part Second—Jean Aitchison.

Mornington.

Miss Farrell, of Poole, is visiting the Misses Edwards.

Miss Minnie Miller, of Waterloo, has returned home to spend her Christmas holidays.

On Friday afternoon, Dec. 19th, an examination will be held in S. S. No. 12. The parents of the section are cordially invited.

Charlie says he has visited quite a number of villages, but never struck such a beautiful village as Atwood. Charlie thinks a lot of the different industries, especially the pump factory, or rather those who own it.

Jim McCloy is busy hauling stones and lumber for the new dwelling house which he intends putting up next summer. You are making the right start now Jim, the only thing you want now is a helpmate. I wonder who the fortunate lady will be.

A large number of young folks assembled at Richard Wood's residence, Friday evening of last week, to spend a social time together. After enjoying a few hours of tripping the light fantastic supper was indulged in, at which everyone seemed to help themselves to their heart's content, after which the former amusement was resumed and kept up till the wee sma' hours, when all departed to their respective homes, highly pleased with the evening's entertainment.

Trowbridge.

Albin Witmer has again returned to Trowbridge looking hale and hearty.

Mrs. Baylis has been very poorly for the past few days we regret to state.

The Bible Society meeting held in the Methoist church last Wednesday, was well attended. A very interesting and instructive lecture was delivered by Rev. Mr. Fraser, Agent of the Bible Society.

Rev. H. A. Baylis, of Owen Sound, will preach in the Methodist church next Sabbath morning, and in the evening the annual missionary sermon will be preached by Rev. Mr. Torrence, of Gorrie. The public missionary meeting will be held on the Monday evening following.

Mr. Lawless, Grand Secretary of the I. O. G. T. made our lodge a visit Wednesday evening. Not often are we favored with such a distinguished gentleman. The temperance movement is fully alive here which is evident from the large membership.

SCCHOOL CONCERT.—The school concert, held here last Friday evening, was a grand success. The lengthy program was well carried out, the children performing their part admirably, which is a source of pleasure and satisfaction to both teacher and parents. Mr. Snell's efforts in the training of the little ones are indeed commendable. The kindergarten songs were especially good. One of the most pleasing features of the program was the presentation by the children of a beautiful plush collar and cuff box and Xmas card to their teacher, Mr. Snell, as a token of their appreciation of his services during the past year. Following is the address:

DEAR TEACHER:—We, a number of your pupils, take this opportunity to express in a tangible, practical manner, the very high estimation in which we hold you. We have been pleased and profited by the diligent, earnest and intelligent manner by which you have tried to lead us in the somewhat difficult and laborious path of knowledge. You have evidently felt a deep interest in our individual progress and success in the work of our education. We have, we fear, often tried your patience, but have been dealt with mercifully and kindly by you. We heartily thank you for the good example you have set before us in your daily life; and the good advice you have given us in regard to the higher education of our moral nature, our duty to God and to each other. Be pleased, therefore, beloved teacher, to accept of this cuff and collar case as an expression of our regard for you; we wish to convey to you our united desire for your future prosperity and happiness, and beg to assure you that your removal from our school is much regretted by us all. Signed on behalf of the school,

NETTIE DELVEA,
ETTIE CODE.

Trowbridge, Dec. 12.

Mr. Snell, although taken completely by surprise, made a very appropriate reply, in which he thanked the pupils for their tangible expression of their good-will toward him. He said he had endeavored to promote the interests of the school to the best of his ability. He requested the parents to drop in the school room occasionally and see for themselves. T. M. Wilson, of Atwood, delivered a stirring address on "Literature," closing his remarks with a humorous recitation, entitled, "Bairnes Cuddle Doon." Mr. Wilson masters the Scotch dialect very well. S. H. Harding, of Atwood, also gave a short talk on "Home study of the school lesson," which if acted upon would be productive of good results. A chorus, entitled "The jolliest girls alive," elicited hearty applause. Rev. Mr. Caswell gave an earnest and thoughtful address, calculated to inspire the youth to higher and nobler purposes in life. Mr. Callum filled the chair in his usual agreeable manner. He is the right man in the right place. We sincerely hope that our trustees will re-engage Mr. Snell for next year as we feel confident that a more efficient and faithful teacher cannot be obtained.

Poole.

Miss Grace Dewar is visiting her parents.

R. Burgmann returned from Michigan last week.

Miss Maggie Shearer is visiting friends in Bright.

The Shakespeare lodge of Good Templars visited the lodge in this place last Wednesday evening. A very choice program was furnished by the visiting lodge.

Monkton.

Alex. Chalmers, of Kincardine, is in the village this week. He has been engaged as our cheesemaker for next season.

John Gill, of Hepworth, is renewing friendships here in the home of his childhood. He is well respected in his adopted town where he is conducting a prosperous agency business.

People in this vicinity will surely get their fill of concerts in the coming holidays. Both Presbyterians and Methodists purpose holding entertainments in the near future, and are preparing for them now.

Wm. Harris, our skilful cheesemaker, has received a similar situation in a much larger factory in Brownsville, which is a bad job for our factory. We are sorry to lose Mr. Harris as he was a first class workman. However, we wish him well in his new home.

It appears that a certain man named Heller is dissatisfied with my account of "The early history and growth of Monkton," which appeared in THE BEE from time to time. Now, some of the events I recorded took place before Mr. Heller saw the light of day, and until about fifteen years ago he did not know there was such a place as Monkton. Is he then a fit person to criticise my accuracy? It was no part of my business to tell who were the first settlers on the 16th con. Elma as that is a distinct place from Monkton. True, I mentioned some who settled on that line, but I did so because they are now residing in Monkton. But Mr. Heller's ignorance is betrayed best of all in his mention of the grist mill, which he says was erected in this village in 1876. He would merit public thanks if he would kindly come to the village some night and direct the wondering citizens where they will find this mystical grist mill, which he says is in our midst, but which the oldest resident has never seen. In conclusion, I believe that if the "several errors" that Mr. Heller complains of were examined into they would retreat to their proper home—Mr. Heller's fertile imagination.

Grey.

Try THE BEE for 1891.

Robert Scott sold his farm of fifty acres to John Clark, of the 17th con., for the sum of \$2,100.

Donald Duncanson has returned from Seattle where he worked for about three years. Donald is a steady young man.

Revival services are in progress at Roe's church. The pastor, Rev. B. Sherlock, is conducting them.

Miss Mary McNair is re-engaged in her school in Stanley township for next year at a salary of \$280. This is an advance of \$30 and it speaks well for her abilities as a teacher.

Pat. Blake had a wood bee on Monday of last week. The boys cut and split a nice quantity of wood. A social hop was enjoyed in the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Blake know how to use bee hands.

Miss Ferrie, who has been giving good satisfaction in S. S. No. 9 during the past two years, has taken a school for 1891 in Hullet township, near Londesboro'. Miss Tumath, of Whitechurch, is engaged as in Miss Ferrie's place in S. S. No. 9.

H. Fowler is leaving S. S. No. 2 and will be attending the Toronto Normal next session. His place will be taken by Geo. McDermott, who has secured the school for 1891 at a salary of \$350. Mr. McDermott has had two years experience in teaching.

The public school exam. of S. S. No. 10 was held on Tuesday, Dec. 16th, which proved in every respect that the estimable teacher, Miss Maudson, has been doing earnest work during the past year. In the evening an entertainment was held, at which a good program was given. C. J. Wynn, of Newry, gave a splendid reading. Proceeds, \$15.

The following is the decision of Judge Boyd in the Machan vs. Grey township case:—Judgment in action tried at Stratford. Action to have a sale of certain land by the defendant Holmes, the Treasurer of the County of Huron, to the defendants the corporation of the township of Grey set aside. The defendants, the township of Grey, submitted to forego their purchase upon being paid the amount justly due to them in respect of the expenses, taxes and interest lawfully chargeable against the plaintiff in respect of the lands. Judgment directing that an account be taken by the registrar of the amount properly due by the plaintiff in respect of certain drainage awards, including interest and expenses, and that upon payment by the plaintiff to the defendant of the amount so to be ascertained, the action to be taxed, within one month after the entry of the judgment, the lands in question be vested in the plaintiff for all the estate of the defendants therein; but in default of the defendants being dismissed with costs.

Listowel.

The Listowel skating rink opened for the season on Friday night last. There was a large attendance of skaters, though the notice of opening was very short and numerous counter-attractions no doubt prevented many from attending.

The Oddfellows intend giving a charity concert about New Year's for the benefit of the poor of the town. A good program is in course of preparation. It is proposed to put the proceeds in the hands of a representative committee for distribution.

The fox hunters of this vicinity have been quite successful so far this season. R. R. Tremain has bagged three or four and Thos. Carter, of Elma, no less than seven. The latter got sight of a very dark silver gray fox whose fur is very valuable, but did not secure the prize.

The reduced number of sparrows during the past few months has been quite noticeable. Their absence from the back doors would indicate that our climatic conditions are adverse to their propagation in this latitude. The few now observed seem to be in a very enfeebled state.

Three car loads of potatoes were shipped from here last week by an American buyer. As a result the price has advanced about ten cents a bag. Potatoes are said to be as dear as oranges in some parts of the States, and the 25c. a tariff does not keep Canadian potatoes out of the American market.

About half past one on Tuesday morning of last week, the alarm sounded, when it was found that the marble fireman were on hand in good time and the hose attached to the hydrant and in a few minutes a good stream of water was being thrown on the building. The fire was confined to the marble shop occupied by Mr. Hunter as a laundry, was in great danger of catching fire. A quantity of the furniture, bedding, etc., was carried out but was taken back again when the firemen had the fire under control. The fire is supposed to have caught from the chimney, as the flames were first seen issuing from that part of the building, by our night watchman, Jas. Osborne. The building is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, in town. There was an insurance of \$300 on the marble and \$100 on the tools. The inspector was here on Wednesday of last week.

Brussel.

S. B. Smale is home from Ripley. Fourth Division Court on Saturday, 20th inst.

Mrs. Edmondston and Mr. Sparing, of Orillia, are visiting their brothers, Messrs. Truman and Marsden Smith.

J. J. Gilpin and Freddie wee away at Granton this week. Mr. Gilpin was looking after the interests of his farm near St. Marys.

Rev. R. Paul preached in Ethel last Sunday evening, and is to supply the pulpit of the Methodist church in Teeswater next Sabbath.

The Methodist Sunday School are to give the cantata, "Bells of Christmas," next Monday evening. A good attendance is expected. Silver collection.

Rev. Sellery, M. A., B. D., delivered a very impressive sermon last Sabbath morning at the memorial service of the late Mrs. Truman Smith. Text, Rev. 14:13.

Revs. Ross, Jones and Messrs. W. R. Wilson and T. Strachan attended the Maitland Presbytery at Wingham on Tuesday of last week. Leave has been granted Knox church, Brussels, to moderate in a call when they are ready.

Over 125,000 pounds of pork has been delivered on Brussels market in the past week. As high as 40,000 pounds came in one day last week. Every point of the compass was represented in the above transaction, some coming 14 miles with hogs.

Three sharpers are working a scheme to fleece the farmers of this county. The first two appear at the house and want to leave a piano that the farmer may display it to his friends. A representative of the company follows; he his children music, and if the farmer succeeds in selling five pianos he shall have one free. All he has to do is simply sign a contract that he has taken the piano on these conditions. The contract turns up in a day or two as an order in the hands of a third party and the farmer is browbeaten into taking the piano. It will be well for the farmers to look out for them.

Last Monday evening there was a business meeting in connection with the Y. P. C. A. of the Methodist church, the following officers were elected for the ensuing six months:—Honorary President, Rev. S. Sellery, B. D.; President, Geo. Rodgers; 1st Vice-President, D. Cavanagh; 2nd Vice-President, Miss Maggie McNaughton; Sec. Treas., Miss Lizzie Thompson; Executive Committee, Messrs. Emilie Kerr, and Lizzie Maunders. Willie Kerr, Alex. Hood and Willie Maunders. Look-out Committee, Messrs. F. E. Kerr and B. Moore, and Messrs. W. Roddick and T. Hill. A new program is to be prepared by the Executive committee to come in to effect the 1st of January. This society is in a very flourishing condition and during the next six months

Henfryn.

Our shoemaker is doing a rushing business.

Joseph Gass, section foreman, has purchased a fine black colt.

George Longmire, of Atwood, was the guest of James Gass last Sunday.

James Gass is home from the Listowel High School with a severe attack of la grippe.

Mr. Kesso, of Wallace, is here locating his mill site, also looking up timber for the same. We bespeak for him a good trade.

Herbert Collins has been very sick for some time, but under the skilful treatment of Dr. Rice, of Atwood, he is improving.

The people in this place are looking for a big trade here in the way of wood this winter. At least 1,000 cords in all are expected to be delivered at the G. T. R. yards at Henfryn.

The September and October make of cheese at Silver Corners' cheese factory was shipped on Thursday, 11th inst. It realized nearly \$4,000, which ought to greatly help the patrons in meeting their obligations.

Stratford.

J. R. Kilburn, architect, died rather suddenly on Sunday Nov. 30th. He had been in indifferent health for some time past and took a trip to New York a few weeks since as a means of relaxation and for the purpose of recruiting his health. He seemed to feel that the outing had done him good, but on Thursday week a relapse came on and he was compelled to leave his office and go home. Medical aid being called in Mr. Kilburn was found to be suffering from pleuro pneumonia which terminated fatally as above stated.

At the meeting of the Stratford Public School Board on Tuesday evening, Dec. 9th, it was agreed to increase Principal Stuart's salary by \$100 making it \$1,000, and to increase Miss E. L. Walker's and Miss Greenly's salaries by \$25 each. The number of pupils on the roll last month was 1,493; average, 1,201.

T. S. Byers, caretaker of Hamlet school had his salary increased to \$20 per month. Mr. Freeland's work in the schools as teacher of music, was highly commended all round. It was agreed to ask the council to have the town hall bell rung every morning at 8:45. A case of wood stealing at Palstaff school, was reported. The passing of a few small accounts closed the meeting.

The last Ontario Gazette contains the statutory notice that E. K. Bannister, James Barker, A. J. Clark, Jas. Doxey, James Hodd, E. J. Kneith, J. P. Mabeck, W. Mowat, J. H. Mook, Jas. J. Stock, James Trow, Andrew Waddell, and F. Young intend to apply for a charter to incorporate the Standard Oil and Gas Company of Ontario, with a capital of \$1,000,000, divided into 100,000 shares of \$100 each. A prospectus will be issued by the promoters in a few days and will present the facts and indications that have led them to the conclusion that oil or gas, and in all probability both, can be found at or near Stratford. The financial resources of the company will enable it to make a thorough test of the matter.

GUNTHER advertises a great clearing sale of \$6,000 worth of watches and jewelry in this issue. Mr. Gunther keeps the finest display of watches jewelry and silverware in Listowel.

MISSES IDA MCBAIN and Annie Gordon returned from the Mitchell Model on Thursday of last week. Both young ladies will remain in the village until New Year's, when they will enter upon their duties as school teachers.

REV. W. H. CLINE, B. A., B. D., of Toronto, is assisting in the Baptist church special services this week. Mr. Cline's visit amongst his old parishioners will doubtless prove one of great pleasure and profit. The services thus far have been well attended and under the blessing of God much good is being accomplished. Mr. Dack has been unavoidably prevented from attending the services every evening owing to several members of his family being laid up with diphtheria.

The Gorrie Cheese Co. shipped their last cargo of cheese on Monday of last week.

J. C. Tuck has rented the Dames hotel, Cranbrook, for a number of years.

It is reported that Wm. Feirnes has sold the Royal Hotel, Walton, to some gentleman from Waterloo for the sum of \$3,000. It is a good stand. Mr. Jones, the present occupant, will complete his lease of the premises.

There may be noticed in the press of the day the striking off of the roll of solicitor E. E. Wade, formerly of Goderich and Brussels. The proceedings were instituted by the solicitor for the Massey Manufacturing Co. of Toronto.

W. S. Swaffield, of Goderich township, has a relic of one of the saddest naval disasters which ever occurred in England. It is a piece of oak from the hull of the man-of-war Royal George, which went down in Portsmouth harbor a century ago with 800 souls on board. The wood is well preserved and is quite an

Additional Local Items.

Huron County Notes.

THE STORY OF A STORY.

By EDWARD D. CUMING.

CHAPTER II.

"I was so glad to hear that you had succeeded in finding a nice appointment for Arthur Meadowson," said Mrs. Malden. "You must allow me to thank you for your kindness, Mr. Wegwood. I take an interest in him, for his mother was a very dear friend of mine in the old days."

Mr. Wegwood disclaimed the debt of Mrs. Malden's thanks. To do anything for one of her friends had given him the greatest gratification.

"He goes to B—, does he not?" inquired the lady.

"Gone," answered Mr. Wegwood. "Poor beggar! Must have been awfully hard up. Jumped at it when I told him he'd get three hundred a year. Positively jumped at it. But I did get it raised a trifle."

"I'm afraid he has had a terrible struggle to make both ends meet," assented Mrs. Malden.

It was Mrs. Malden's afternoon "at home," but that day was wet, and her only visitor so far was Mr. Wegwood, who therefore reaped, in the undivided attention of his hostess, the reward of his courage in defying the weather. Alicia was not present; but from the glances her mother and the caller cast from time to time towards the drawing-room door, it seemed that her appearance was momentarily expected.

"I liked Arthur Meadowson," said Mrs. Malden after a short silence. "But Mr. Wegwood"—and she dropped her voice to a nearly a whisper—"between ourselves, I will admit that I am greatly relieved at his departure."

The young brewer was perfectly well aware of the lady's meaning; but he deemed it politic to invite explanation, which he did by raising his chin and arching his eyebrows.

"The truth is," answered Mrs. Malden, who could pardon slight mannerisms in the proprietor of twelve thousand pounds a year—"the truth is, he was very devoted to Alicia. I only observed it lately, and I hoped he might find employment that would entail separation before mischief was done."

"You surely don't think—Fellow with-out a shilling!"

"I am now certain of it, Mr. Wegwood; and I will tell you my reasons. Alicia insisted on remaining at home on Friday last, though I was particularly anxious to take her to Hurlingham. When I returned, I heard that Mr. Meadowson had been here; and the same evening he wrote to tell me that he had obtained the appointment at B—. Now, ever since Friday, Alicia has been in a state of melancholy and depression from which nothing seems to rouse her. There can be only one reason for this—namely, his going away."

"Do you think she really cares—cared—for Meadowson?" he inquired after a pause, looking very hard at his boots as he put the question.

"She always liked him.—Oh yes; I can't doubt that she cares for him."

Mr. Wegwood sighed heavily, and glancing at his watch, rose.

"Going already?" she exclaimed. "Won't you stay and see Alicia? She will be down directly."

Mr. Wegwood was sorry, but had an engagement. "I'll look in again soon," he said. "Let's see. Fellow has so much to do in Season, don't you know? Really not his own master. It's impossible to know."

"Come in any day," urged Mrs. Malden with warmth, as the young man hesitated, seemingly lost in the abyss of "engagements" to which he stood committed. "You will always find us at lunch at half-past one, if you happen to be in this direction."

"I do earnestly trust that Alicia has not compromised herself with Arthur Meadowson," mused the ambitious mother, when the bang of the hall door told that the visitor had gone. "Mr. Wegwood is by far the most eligible man we know. Twelve thousand a year and every prospect of a seat in the House of Lords; for his uncle is certain of his peerage when the present government goes out."

So far from having conceived an attachment for Mr. Meadowson, Alicia's feeling for the young gentleman just now was not dissimilar to that a tigress may be supposed to entertain for the slayer of her cub. Arthur had, if anything, under-estimated the result his frank criticism would produce.

"At Eden's Gate," had been the loving labour of months; Miss Malden had lingered over it with an affectionate, almost absorbed interest which grew in ratio with the progress of her work. Balls, parties, theatres, social amusements of every kind, faded into nothingness beside the delights of novel-writing; and indeed were regarded by the authoress as tiresome interruptions, to be escaped whenever possible. And then, when the last word had been written, and only a publisher was wanted to launch it upon a career of dazzling brilliancy, to be told in so many words that "it would not print"; that there was no plot, and that the characters were all alike!

The letter she received from him on the evening of that memorable Friday answered no purpose save to strengthen her determination to bury his criticism out of sight. It did nothing to allay the storm that raged against the candid writer, and his delicate hints at her dormant genius appeared to Alicia only grudging acknowledgements of his own lack of discrimination. Nevertheless, her pride had sustained a shock whose effects were evidenced in her changed demeanour; and as she kept her secret resolutely locked in her own breast, Mrs. Malden was perhaps justified in arriving at conclusions which, had she confessed them, would have astonished nobody more than Alicia herself.

Mr. Wegwood, on his side, was not seriously disturbed by Mrs. Malden's disclosures. Conscious of his eligibility, and serene in an excellent opinion of himself, he found it impossible to believe that a girl brought up as Alicia had been could seriously think of accepting the hand of a poor fellow like Arthur Meadowson while she had the remotest prospect of capturing Augustus Wegwood. She might be fond of him, certainly; she might even love him. But he only regarded Arthur's supposed success as a temporary check, unlikely to exercise any lasting influence upon his own suit.

Strong in the comfortable conviction that he was the prize to be won by Miss Malden in his own time, he was not inclined to press forward with any haste. He omitted to avail himself of the opportunity to call upon Mrs. Malden.

regulation day; and not until he saw that Alicia was beginning to recover her wonted spirits did he seek opportunities of ingratiating himself. Though the reverse of clever, Mr. Wegwood possessed a small vein of tact, and one afternoon when the lady had accepted his attentions with less indifference than usual, he endeavored to lay the foundations of a closer understanding by singing gentle praises of the absent Arthur. Somewhat to his surprise, Miss Malden pulled him up short in the midst of his eulogy.

"I never knew you thought so highly of Mr. Meadowson," she remarked.

"Isn't he a great friend of yours?" inquired Mr. Wegwood with an impressive air.

"Not particularly. And if he were, that would be no reason for any one else liking him."

Mr. Wegwood was about to say that Miss Malden's friendship was the most certain guarantee of moral worth that mortal man could enjoy, but checked himself in time, and diverged into associations of the unspeakable pleasure he had derived from being the instrument of starting his friend in life.

"I was very glad to get the post for him, poor as it is," said Mr. Wegwood in conclusion, thinking of the emoluments.

"I was exceedingly pleased too," rejoined Alicia, gloating over the banishment of the would-be destroyer of her dreams.

"I hope he will go on," ventured the gentleman.

"I suppose it depends on himself," replied the lady coldly; and Mr. Wegwood retired from the attack in a condition of mystified disappointment.

The kindly fate who watches over the interests of men without inquiring whether they deserve her aid, solved the difficulty for him the same evening by giving him Miss Gwen Pollock to take in to dinner at the house at which he dined. Mr. Wegwood knew his partner intimately, and was well aware that she was Miss Malden's "dearest friend"; he therefore had no hesitation in asking her assistance to understand the riddle. Miss Pollock was a dark-eyed little girl with a vivacious, engaging manner, whose first article of social faith was the praiseworthy theory that it is a girl's duty to make herself agreeable to all mankind.

When dinner was well advanced, and the roar of conversation around them made confidential discussion possible, Mr. Wegwood asked her whether she had always looked upon Mr. Meadowson as Miss Malden's close friend.

"She used to like him very much," admitted Miss Pollock.

"Doesn't she now? I was under the impression that she was very unhappy about his leaving town."

Miss Pollock confessed that something had happened just before Mr. Meadowson left, which gave Miss Malden very good reason for feeling incensed with him.

"Really?" queried Mr. Wegwood.

"Didn't hear that, or by Jove! I'd never—never have given him that billet—What's he done?"

Miss Pollock was by no means sure she could make a point of honor to keep secrets. But on Mr. Wegwood's representation that he knew the Maldens so very well, and might also be regarded as Meadowson's benefactor, Miss Pollock consented to impart the secret, on the distinct understanding that he told it to nobody—not even Alicia herself. She meant, of course, that he wasn't to let Alicia hear he knew about it. Mr. Wegwood bound himself by sacred promises; and Miss Pollock, after a little further display of unwillingness, acquainted him with the facts.

Mr. Wegwood listened to the story, interpellating only indignant ejaculations until Miss Pollock had finished. Then he gave rein to his wrath; and it required all the young lady's persuasive power to exact from him a promise not to telegraph Arthur's employers to dismiss him summarily the very next day.

"It would only bring him back here again, urged Miss Pollock, "and Alicia would not like that. Perhaps, too, the knowledge that she will never have anything more to do with him is punishment enough."

"I must consider it," said Mr. Wegwood with awful sternness. "Fellow who does things like that mustn't escape too easily. Not at all sure that I oughtn't to tell Watson to turn him out—not at all sure, don't you know?"

"I wish I could devise some means of consigning Alicia," said Miss Pollock, after Arthur had been reprobated as his crime required. "She is quite disheartened about her book."

"Wonder if she would let me see it?" remarked Mr. Wegwood. "Twinkleby the publisher is friend of mine; might be of use."

"I'll tell you what I will do," said Miss Pollock, who was eager to help her friend, and took natural interest in the work whose development she had watched. "I'll tell Alicia that you know Mr. Twinkleby; and suggest that she should ask you to read the book and arrange for its publication."

"Capital!" agreed Mr. Wegwood, detecting in the proposal a royal road to Miss Malden's good graces. "See her as soon as you can, and tell her you have learned that I can command publisher. Then, when she mentions it, I'll manage the rest."

Mr. Wegwood went down to the Club for a pool that night in the highest good-humour with the world, not excluding the audacious Arthur Meadowson, who had thus left him the key to Miss Malden's heart. "How could the man have been such a muff?" he asked himself for the twentieth time as he stepped out of his hansom. "Deliberately cut his own throat.—Well, I shan't be so foolish; and if money can do it, my book shall come out before the season is over."

Miss Pollock was as good as her word. On the following morning she paid an early visit to Brook Street for the express purpose of recommending Mr. Wegwood as godfather to the novel. She found Miss Malden brooding over her "Idyll" in a very dejected frame of mind indeed; and recognizing that she stood in urgent need of comfort, she rose to the occasion, and painted the attractions of the new scheme in glowing colours. But Alicia was not to be thus easily led from her vale of despair.

"I don't know," she said, "I don't know."

ly shrieked; but controlling her emotions with an effort, she sat down with her arm round Alicia and subjected her to a severe but kindly examination. Was she to understand that the authoress proposed to pay that Mr. Meadowson the extravagantly high compliment of accepting his so-called opinion as final?

Alicia sighed; she really didn't know.—Well, then, to put it in another way—was Alicia going to join hands with Mr. Meadowson and condemn the novel because he did?

The idea of "joining hands," even in a metaphorical sense, with the brutal critic had its effect on Miss Malden. "No," she answered with decision; "most certainly not."

"Very well," pursued Miss Pollock triumphantly. "You agree with me that the best way to prove your disdain for his judgment is to get the book printed?"

"Then, if you will take my advice, you will ask Mr. Wegwood to give it to Twinkleby at once," saying which, Miss Pollock rose, to signify that she considered she had proved her case.

"He will want to read it," objected Alicia.

"Yes; I should be surprised if he did not. But you would allow that, wouldn't you?"

"I'd rather he did not see it till it is printed," said Alicia; "things look so much better in print."

"I daresay he would take it direct to the publishers, if you asked him," murmured Miss Pollock doubtfully; "but I must say, Alicia, it seems a good deal to ask of any man."

How many men, thought the young lady, finding themselves in possession of a manuscript novel, could exercise sufficient self-control to refrain from reading it? It was expecting too much of weak human nature.

"I'll see," said Miss Malden more cheerfully. "Next time Mr. Wegwood comes here, I will mention that you told me of his acquaintance with Mr. Twinkleby; and if he is nice about it, he shall arrange the matter for me."

And having gained this carefully qualified assent, Miss Pollock took her leave, returning home at once to write news of her achievement to Mr. Wegwood.

That gentleman, having retired to rest at four o'clock in the morning, was still recuperating in bed, when shortly before noon his servant entered with a letter.

"Any answer, sir?" inquired the servant, observing that his master showed no intention of opening the missive. There was no more patient man-servant in Dover Street than Mr. Barker, but when his employer remained between the sheets till this time of day, he felt that duty compelled him to offer gentle protest.

Messenger's waiting, sir," hinted Barker, after an interval of five minutes.

Mr. Wegwood growled sleepily, and tore open the note. Then, to the utter dismay of his serving-man, he bounded out of bed like a galvanised acrobat. "Mail phaeton in half an hour, Barker," he said with energy. "Never mind breakfast. Tell Miss Pollock's messenger not to wait."

"I'll go up to Brook Street at once," he said to himself as he dragged on his dressing-gown; "and I'm much mistaken if I don't walk over for the race now."

An hour later he drew up his horses before Mrs. Malden's door. If he felt rather dilapidated after the festivities of the previous night, there was no outward token of it; his customary languid bearing always suggested to the ribald that he had only just got out of bed or was just about to return thither, so rising at noon made no appreciable difference.

"I've come to beg for lunch," he said as his hostess greeted him. Mrs. Malden was charmed and Alicia, mindful of the fact that she was about to place him under a profound obligation to her, was unusually gracious.

Forewarned by Miss Pollock, Mr. Wegwood made no reference to the object of his visit before Mrs. Malden; but when she left him to the care of her daughter, which she did as soon as lunch was over, he was requested by the latter to join her in the library, where she wished to obtain his advice on a small matter of business. Alicia found it less easy to take him into confidence than she had Mr. Meadowson; but she attributed this to the new method of procedure she adopted. She had asked Mr. Meadowson as a favour to read her book; this time she desired to imbue her confidant with a sense of indebtedness by conferring a less delectable privilege upon him. And when she had explained what she wanted and how she had come to ask his assistance, she was not surprised to find that Mr. Wegwood saw difficulties in the way. 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R. S. PELTON, EDITOR.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1890.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS.

A host of names are mentioned as aspirants to municipal honors for 1891. The present Council have performed the functions of their office during the year now closing to the best of their ability and with general satisfaction as far as we can learn. It is very important that the men who sit around the Council table of Elma township be composed of shrewd, wide-awake, experienced men. The township is at present undergoing a system of drainage on a large scale, which will necessarily cost the ratepayers many hundreds of dollars, and as this work is somewhat peculiar to Elma it is well to choose men with a practical knowledge of the township's requirements; men who know just where and how drains should be dug, in order that the entire network drainage system throughout the township may be productive of the greatest good, and that the hard earned people's money be expended judiciously. This can only be effectively accomplished by men who have made the Elma drainage system a close study, and in our mind this great task could not be entrusted to better men than those who have so faithfully guarded Elma's interests for 1890.

THE TOWNSHIP GRANT.

The Elma Agricultural Society are not altogether satisfied with the Council's liberal (?) grant, claiming that the sum of \$100 is too paltry when the Society's obligations are met, namely, the free use of their hall for nomination purposes for 999 years, or until Gabriel comes. We are inclined to believe the Directors are right in not accepting the Council's offer, and that the so called grant is in substance a loan, in other words, paying their rent for the hall in advance. The Board of Directors would much rather have a free, unconditional grant of say \$50 or \$75, which they are justly entitled to. An agricultural society is an organization of farmers, whose sole object is the promotion and encouragement of dairying, stock raising, agricultural and domestic industries, and whatever tends to enrich the farmer is of direct benefit to the township. The agricultural society fosters thrift and enterprise amongst all classes in a community, hence its value cannot be too highly estimated. We trust the new Council will re-consider the matter and appreciate the Society's enterprise in purchasing grounds, erecting new buildings and otherwise promoting the agricultural interests of Elma by a substantial, unconditional grant. Since the above was in type the Directors have accepted of the Council's offer, the latter striking out the words, "for all time to come," in the agreement.

TOWNSHIP OF ELMA

Municipal Election.

The Municipal Electors of Elma are hereby notified, 1st, that the meeting for the Nomination of Candidates for the offices of Reeve, 1st and 2nd Deputy-Reeves and Two Councillors for the Township of Elma, for the year 1891, will be held in the

TOWN HALL ATWOOD,
At 12 o'clock, Noon, on
MONDAY, DEC. 29, 1890.

2nd, That should more than the necessary number of Candidates be nominated, the proceedings will be adjourned until

MONDAY, JANUARY 5TH, 1891,

When Polls will be opened in each Electoral Division of the Township, at the hour of 9 o'clock in the morning, and shall continue open until 5 o'clock in the afternoon and no longer.

3rd, That the Polling Places and Returning Officers in each Electoral Division are as follows:

- Electoral Div. No. 1.—Cosens' Workshop, Trowbridge, C. Cosens, Returning Officer.
- Electoral Div. No. 2.—Grange Hall, lot 15, con. 4, Wm. Shearer, Returning Officer.
- Electoral Div. No. 3.—Orange Hall, Britton, Wm. Stevenson, Returning Officer.
- Electoral Div. No. 4.—Orange Hall, Newry, T. Fullarton, Returning Officer.
- Electoral Div. No. 5.—Orange Hall, Donegal, James Dickson, Returning Officer.
- Electoral Div. No. 6.—Davies' School House, J. E. Hammond, Returning Officer.
- Electoral Div. No. 7.—Lambert's School House, F. Doering, Returning Officer.

T. H. S. FULLARTON, Clerk.
Elma, Dec. 16, 1890.

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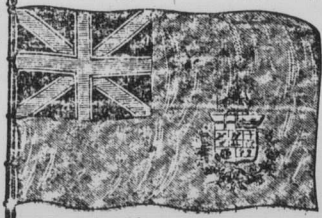
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Dr. Sinclair will be at George's Hotel, Atwood, ON MONDAY,

Jan. 5th, 1891

Jonathan Buschart, Listowel, says:—"After spending all my money and property to no purpose on medical men, for what they termed a hopeless case of consumption, Dr. Sinclair cured me."
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W. McDonald, Lakefield, Ont., says:—"Dr. Sinclair cured me of catarrh."
Geo. Rowed, Blyth, says:—"Dr. Sinclair cured me of heart disease and dropsy, when all others failed."
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FOR YOUR SCHOOLHOUSE

The movement for hoisting the Canadian flag on the schoolhouses on anniversaries of noted events in our history is spreading rapidly throughout the Dominion and evoking the hearty approval of all patriotic citizens. Already

The Empire

has done its share in helping on this movement, by awarding a handsome flag to one school in each county of Ontario, but the number of inquiries from all parts of the Dominion as to how flags can be obtained by other schools has determined the publishers of THE EMPIRE to offer a handsome

CANADIAN FLAG of best bunting, 12 feet long (regular price \$15), as a premium for 30 new yearly subscribers to the WEEKLY EMPIRE at \$1.00 or eight new yearly subscribers to THE DAILY EMPIRE at \$5 per annum, or a proportion of each, one subscription so Daily counting for FOUR WEEKS.

Every school in the Dominion ought to have a national flag, and this offer presents an opportunity for each obtaining it without cost, and with little trouble. Let those who are interested in getting a flag for their school-house join in getting up a club, and while subscribers get full value for their money in the best newspaper in the Dominion, the school obtains its flag FREE OF COST.

THE WEEKLY EMPIRE has recently been enlarged to twelve pages, and is now, without doubt, the best weekly newspaper in Canada, while the reputation of THE DAILY EMPIRE as the leading morning journal in the Dominion is well known.

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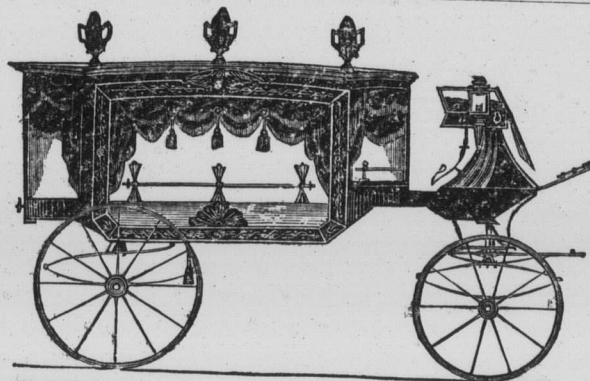
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DON'T miss hearing Fax, the humorous vocalist of Toronto, to-night (Friday) Dec. 19. He is well worth double the admission fee.

There is a dispute as to how to pronounce the name of "Koch." Probably the best way, when one cannot give the German sound to "ch," is to call it Koke or Cook. It means Cook anyway in English.

SOME one proposes that the Town Hall be utilized into a skating rink this winter. An institution like this would be appreciated in Atwood, but whether it would pay we are not prepared to say.

THE little sleighing we have now is making business brisk. Sleighs, cutters, wagons and buggies through the streets. Large quantities of wood are being delivered in town and a wood famine is now a thing of the past.

JOHN SHANNON, East Zorra, who was charged with the crime of shooting at Geo. D. Damm, the young German school teacher, Tavistock, was brought before His Worship the other day in Woodstock, and dismissed on the charge.

THE Glee Club were entertained at the residence of M. Harvey, Newry, last Tuesday evening. The time was pleasantly whiled away in social chat, amusement and song, and all enjoyed themselves splendidly. We know of no place where an evening could be more pleasantly and profitably spent than at the home of the Treasurer of Elma.

A BIG CHEESE.—Canada claims to have produced the largest cheese in the world. From the Ingersoll factory was lately turned out a cheese weighing seven thousand lbs. It was six feet ten inches in diameter, three feet in height, and twenty one feet in circumference. It required the milking of seven thousand cows or thirty-five tons of milk to produce it.

CURIOSITY.—The other day we were shown a curiosity in the shape of a large wasp's nest. The nest was found by Jas. McConnell, of Hullett, and is five feet in circumference. It is on exhibition at F. Metcalf's jewelry store. It is peculiarly shaped almost round and built on a branch an inch in diameter which runs directly through the centre. Get a look at it.—Blyth Stand ard.

WE trust that none of our readers will feel offended because we paste a green label on their paper and insist upon it being paid in advance, and that none will be backward in renewing his or her subscription. It is a matter of necessity with us, for reasons stated in a previous issue. Come forward and help us by renewing promptly and thus aid us in making your local paper the newest and brightest in the county.

ATWOOD buyers always pay the highest prices, and as a consequence we have the best market for grain or hogs in this section. During the past few weeks hogs and grain have been teamed into town a distance of upwards of fifteen miles. People will always go where they can get the highest prices for what they have to sell, and who can blame them? Farmers can always come to Atwood with their produce with the assurance that they will get the highest prices that are being paid.

HAS a railroad company the right to compel an intending passenger to show his ticket at a station before he enters a train? That seems an odd question for a man to carry into court. It isn't much trouble to show a ticket, anyway, even if it has to be punched. Nevertheless, a case involving this question has come before the Supreme Court in Minnesota, which upholds the company's right to enforce the display of tickets, not only because it prevents fraud upon railroad companies, but for the reason that it promotes the security and convenience of travellers. Beyond doubt this rule has prevented many people from going astray through taking wrong trains. A traveller who complains of the little formality of showing his ticket must be an incurable grumbler.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION.—The municipal nomination for Elma township will be held in the Town Hall, Atwood, on Monday, Dec. 29, 1890, at the hour of 12 o'clock, noon. The election will take place on Monday, Jan. 5, 1891, from 9 o'clock in the morning until 5 o'clock in the evening. Following is a list of the polling places throughout the township: Div. No. 1, Cosens' workshop, Trowbridge, C. Cosens, returning officer; Div. No. 2, grange hall lot 18, con. 4, Wm. Shearer, returning officer; Div. No. 3, Orange hall, Britton, Wm. Stevenson, returning officer; Div. No. 4, Orange hall, Newry, T. Fullerton, returning officer; Div. No. 5, Orange hall, Donegal, James Dickson, returning officer; Div. No. 6, Davies' school house, J. R. Hammond, returning officer; Div. No. 7, Lambert's school house, F. Doering, returning officer.

THE day is near at hand when all persons of any enterprising spirit will say with one voice that there are no prospects whatever for the business man who does not advertise. The expense it involves will be put in with the amount of needed capital. Word your announcement frankly. Talk about your specialty with candor and plainness. Elaborate only within honest limits. Rather identify the article than your advertisement of it. Do not bluster and shout and lie. How did you advertise yourself to the girl who is now your wife? Why not use the same ingenious honesty in getting customers? Take them into your confidence; tell them just what it is you have to sell, just what it costs them, and just what its uses are. Suppose you had taken the big black eye style in acquainting your sweetheart with your merits—had talked of the "Great Bargain" she would get, if of course you didn't, or she would still be incredulous. Why not extend your good judgment to your newspaper advertising.

JOHN McBAIN and sister, of Brussels, spent Sunday in town.

WALTER HAMILTON, who has been in Montana for the past 18 months, returned to the village last Monday evening. Mr. Hamilton's host of friends in this locality will be pleased to see him.

J. S. GEE has opened up a large stock of goods for the Christmas trade. His overcoats are going at close margins. Don't purchase your Xmas supplies until you have called on Mr. Gee and inspected his winter's stock.

XMAS TREE.—The Methodist Sunday School will hold an Xmas tree entertainment in the Town Hall, Atwood, on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th, 1890. The following gentleman have kindly consented to take part: Revs. W. H. Harvey, B. A., Guelph, and C. Davis, Wellesley; Dr. Rice and J. H. McBain, Admision 15c. and 10c. See posters. The entertainment promises to be good. Remember the date, Xmas Eve.

RAISE THE FLAG.—We are glad to notice that the words and music of the patriotic song and chorus "Raise the Flag" have been published in sheet form by the Empire. There is a tone and a swing about the composition which should recommend it at once, both from the musical and the patriotic standpoint. It ought to be given into the hands of our children and take a place in the schools with "The Maple Leaf." The words and music were written by E. G. Nelson, of St. John, N. B., in connection with the movement for hoisting the Canadian flag on the school-ouses of the Dominion. In order to put it within the reach of all, the Empire places the price at 10 cts., and has put the song on sale by all news-dealers.

BRUSSELS Post.—"Last Friday evening Rev. Chas. Fish, of Toronto, preached in the Methodist church and on Sunday he officiated both morning and evening. Although the Rev. gentleman is upwards of 70 years of age, 42 of which has been devoted to the work of the Christian ministry, he has the vigor and clearness in both thought and speech of a young man. His discourses were both enjoyable and profitable. Mr. Fish has been engaged in evangelistic work for the past four years. In his early years he travelled over a great part of Canada and has a large and interesting experience of the pioneer days of Methodist ministers in this country." Our readers will remember Mr. Fish's earnest efforts in connection with the recent revival services in the Methodist church here.

THE BEST OF THEIR KIND.—The best educational system in the world, that of Ontario.—The most elegantly furnished and comfortable railway coaches in Canada, Canadian Pacific Railway.—The best boats on the great lakes, C. P. R. boats.—The greatest statesman in the world, Hon. W. E. Gladstone; in Canada, Sir John Macdonald; in Ontario, Hon. Oliver Mowat.—Greatest orator in Canada, Hon. Mr. Laurier, leader of the Reform party; cleverest criminal lawyer, B. B. Osler; cleverest scholar, Goldwin Smith; greatest physician, Dr. Aikens, Toronto.—Best President that ever graced the White House, Washington, Abraham Lincoln.—The greatest orator in the American Republic, Abraham Lincoln.—The most notorious liar in Canada, the late John R. Birchall.—Greatest newspaper in the world, London (Eng.) Times; in America, N. Y. Herald; in Canada, Toronto Globe.—Best country newspaper in Ontario, the Woodstock Sentinel-Review; in Huron county, Seaford Expositor; in Perth, THE ATWOOD BEE; in Wellington, Guelph Mercury; in Oxford, Sentinel-Review; in Middlesex, London Free Press; in Essex, Amherstburg Echo; in Kent, Chatham Planet; in Bruce, Kincardine Review; in Grey, Owen Sound Times; in Hastings, Deseronto Tribune.—Best family newspaper in Canada, Montreal Witness.—Greatest feat in engineering skill in the world, Forth bridge, Scotland.—Best country and best government in the world, Canada.—Best agriculturists in the world, the Scotch; mechanics, the English; inventors, the Americans; soldiers, the British; physicians, the Germans.—Finest church in Canada, St. James' Square Methodist church, Montreal.—The largest Protestant body in the world, the Methodist.—Greatest university in the world, Cambridge University, England; greatest medical university, Berlin.—Best university in America, Yale, Harvard and Toronto, equal.—Best medical, science and theological university in Canada, McGill, Montreal; best university, all departments considered, Toronto.—Wealthiest city in Canada, Montreal; finest built city in Ontario, Woodstock; in Perth, Atwood; in Huron county, Goderich.—Handsomest married man, Atwood, J. R. Rogers; handsomest young man, John Rogers; prettiest young lady, Miss Annie Dunn; prettiest little girl, Frances Mader; the finest residence, J. W. McBain's; the best citizen, Wm. Dunn; the best choir, Methodist choir; the largest congregation, Presbyterian; the best divine and best scholar, Rev. A. Henderson, M. A.; the best financier in Elma township, Wm. Lochhead; the cleverest and nicest family, M. Harvey; the best informed man in municipal matters, Wm. Lochhead.—The most successful school teacher, T. G. Ratcliffe, Donegal; the handsomest school teacher, (gentleman) C. J. Wynn, Newry; the largest Methodist congregation, Trowbridge; Presbyterian, Atwood; Baptist, Atwood; English, Atwood.—Prettiest village in Elma, Trowbridge.—Best kept station on the W. G. & B. R., Atwood station, Mr. Knox having been awarded the company's prize for several years in succession.—Finest hotel in Elma, Toerger's hotel, Atwood.—Most intelligent dog in Elma, Bruce Knox, Atwood.—The man who can but won't tell a lie, Thos. Reid; the man who can't tell a lie, THE BEE editor.—The finest school house in Elma, Trowbridge school; finest church, Trowbridge Methodist church.—The best market, Atwood.—Most valuable industry in Elma, the cheese industry.—The most difficult thing to see—nothing.

JAS. HAMILTON, of Mount Forest, spent several days with relatives in this locality this week.

MISS MAGGIE GRAHAM returned home from a pleasant visit with friends and relatives in Innerkip.

PARTIES in arrears for THE BEE will do us a favor much needed by calling and settling up their indebtedness at once. We need money and need it badly.

WM. MASSEY, of Toronto, has taken his place behind the counter of James Irwin's store this week. He has been eight years at the business and is a steady, reliable young man.

Atwood Market.	
Fall Wheat	80 85
Spring Wheat	80 82
Barley	35 42
Oats	37 38
Peas	57 58
Pork	5 00 5 20
Hides per lb	4 4 1/2
Sheep skins, each	50 80
Wood, 2 ft.	1 15 1 50
Potatoes per bag	40 45
Butter per lb.	14 15
Eggs per doz.	18 20

Business Directory.

MEDICAL.
J. R. HAMILTON, M. D., C. M., Graduate of McGill University, Montreal. Member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Ontario. Office—Opposite THE BEE office. Residence—Queen street; night messages to be left at residence.

L. E. RICE, M. D., C. M., Trinity University, Toronto; Fellow by examination of Trinity Medical College, Toronto; member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Ontario; member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Michigan; special attention given to the Diseases of Women and Children. Office and residence, next door to Mader's store, Atwood. Office hours: 10 to 12 a.m.; 1 to 2:30 p.m., and every evening to 8:30.

LEGAL.
W. M. SINCLAIR, Solicitor, Conveyancer, Notary Public &c. Private funds to loan at lowest rates. Collections promptly attended to. Office—Toerger's Hotel, Atwood. Every Wednesday at 4:24 p.m., and remain until the 9:12 p.m. train.

DENTAL.
J. J. FOSTER, L. D. S., Is using an improved Electric Vibrator, Vitalized Air, or Gas, for the painless extracting of teeth. Satisfaction guaranteed. Office—In block south side of Main street bridge, Listowel.

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Dissolution of Partnership

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO, COUNTY OF PERTH, WE, the undersigned, Robert Brooks, of the Village of Atwood, in the County of Perth, and Province of Ontario, Merchant, and John Rogers, of the same place, Merchant, formerly of the firm of R. Brooks & Company, in the business of Hardware Merchants, at the Village of Atwood, in the County of Perth, do hereby certify that the partnership heretofore existing between us Hardware Merchants, at the said Village of Atwood, was on this First Day of December, A. D., 1890, dissolved by mutual consent. All debts owing to the said firm are to be paid to the said John Rogers, by whom all liabilities will be settled. Dated at Atwood, this First Day of December, A. D., 1890. WITNESSES: J. R. BROOKS, HENRY ZIEMAN, JOHN ROGERS.

THE ATWOOD HARDWARE

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New Brick Block, Opposite Mrs. M. Harvey's General Store,

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JOHN ROGERS.

NOTICE.—All accounts contracted with the firm of R. Brooks & Co. must be settled on or before Jan. 1, 1891, otherwise they will be put into Court for collection. JOHN ROGERS.

GENUINE CLEARING SALE of \$6,000 worth of Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Diamonds, Silverware, gold headed Walking Sticks, Gold Chains, Gold Rings, Gold Brooches, and everything in my store I will sell off at Clearing Sale prices. First come, first served. You have a grand stock to choose from, so if you intend buying anything in the above line you will save \$\$\$\$ by coming direct to Goldsmith's Hall. Remember everything must be sold at prices you will not object to. I am bound to sell to everybody.

J. H. GUNTHEER, Watch Specialist, Goldsmith's Hall, Main St., Listowel. Two Doors East of Post Office.

Town Talk.

FAX to-night in the Town Hall.

Miss LIZZIE Brooks, of Palmerston, Sundayed in town.

DR. RICE has moved into his new office, next to Mader's store, where calls will be attended to night and day. See change in card.

A SPECIAL service will be held in St. Alban's church on Christmas day, at 10:30 a. m. The church will be beautifully decorated for the occasion.

REV. JOHN SHAW, D. D., of Toronto, preached an able sermon on missions in the Methodist church Sunday morning. The congregation was unusually large.

J. H. McBAIN, of Victoria University, Cobourg, smiled on us Wednesday evening. He looks well. J. H. will eat his Xmas turkey at home, and will return to college Jan. 6th, 1891.

THE Xmas tree and entertainment in connection with St. Alban's church will be given in the Town Hall, on Monday, Dec. 22nd, at 7:30 p. m. As there will be no admission fee charged the building should be crowded with young and old.

TO ADVERTISERS.—Notice of changes must be left at this office not later than Monday noon. The copy for changes must be left not later than Tuesday noon. Casual advertisements accepted up to noon Wednesday of each week.

CHAS. MCKENZIE, of Monkton, spent Tuesday with friends in the village. Mr. McKenzie is a warm supporter of THE BEE, and says that although he takes five local papers THE BEE is the newest of them all. He speaks highly of THE BEE's account of Monkton's early history. Mr. McKenzie's son, (deceased) was one of the most lightning compositors in Ontario, and for years filled an important position on the Detroit Free Press.

THE Minister of Education, in reply to a Lambton county correspondent, has made an important explanation in regard to the contemplated legislation regarding public school teachers. Hon. Mr. Ross says: "I have no intention of raising the age of teachers to 21 years, as was hinted in the papers and as you seem to think I intend to do. It is possible I may, however, require a uniform age of 18 all around. My object is not to throw any insuperable obstacle in the way of entering the profession, but to try and obtain a reasonable maturity on the part of teachers before intrusting them with the management and discipline of pupils in our public schools."

LECTURE.—Rev. John Shaw, D. D., of Toronto, delivered his lecture on "Some characteristics of the age," in the Methodist church last Monday evening. The attendance was small which is conclusive evidence that our people do not appreciate lectures as highly as they should. The rev. gentleman spoke for three-quarters of an hour. Following gems for thought were gleaned from his remarks: It is impossible to speak impartially of any age, especially the age in which we live; the age in which we live is the product of all the past ages; the spirit of the age is opposed to all restrictions to liberty; the onward march of science is made known by the press. The speaker here paid high tribute to the educative influences of the press; the benefits of free libraries. He regarded sensationalism in literature as one of the crimes of the age. This is an age of enquiry—exploring the polar regions, and a Livingstone revealing the mysteries of Africa, Biblical truths questioned; a liberal age—bigotry becoming feeble; an age of associations; a restless age; a speculative age; we live a thousand years while our ancestors lived fifty; a money-loving age; a puffing age—the puffing quack doctor; an age of humbugs; a gambling age—making money out of races, games etc. Mr. Shaw closed his eloquent address by stating that there was more cause for hope than fear; that this was an age of moral, mental and political improvement, and a courageous age, but lacked in national spirit. It is to be hoped that the remainder of the course of lectures will be more liberally patronized. The choir rendered several selections in a creditable manner. Good music and plenty of it is what puts life into a meeting of this character.

THE WEEK'S NEWS

CANADA

The wheat inspected at Winnipeg so far this season does not grade high.

Alexander McKinnon has just died at Sydney Mines, Cape Breton, aged 114 years.

Dr. G. W. Strathy, a well-known musician, died at his residence in Toronto last week.

The Bank of New Brunswick announces a half yearly dividend at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum.

The Prairie Illustrated is the latest addition to North-West newspapers, being published at Calgary.

The Toronto Trades and Labor Council will take action with a view to decreasing Chinese immigration.

A chaste ledger tomb of grey granite was placed upon the grave of the late Hon. George Brown last week.

John A. Patterson & Co., wholesale millinery, Montreal, has suspended. Liabilities estimated at \$100,000.

It is reported that the Messiah craze has affected the Canadian Indians, and that the Crees are indulging in ghost dancing.

A Montreal despatch says that C. A. Dansereau has been appointed postmaster of that city, vice Mr. Lamotte, superannuated.

Mr. David Cunningham, instructor in masonry at the Kingston Penitentiary, was killed the other day by a wheelbarrow falling on him.

An explosion of powder on the Government steamer Newfield, in Nova Scotia waters, killed one man and badly injured six others on Tuesday.

The people of the west coast of Newfoundland have prepared a petition to the Queen asking to be made a part of the Canadian Confederation.

The Toronto authorities have received an interesting report on the possibilities of securing a supply of water from Lake Simcoe by gravitation.

The prize in the competition for the order of agriculture merit has been won by a French-Canadian, and the French-Canadian press are jubilant.

Major General Herbert, the new Commandant of the Canadian Militia, succeeded General Middleton, arrived in Ottawa on Monday afternoon.

The impression in Toronto concerning the alleged case of pleuro-pneumonia among a cargo of Canadian cattle is that it is nothing more than inflammation.

Richard Langford, an aged farmer in Huntley Township, was found dying in his barn, having been brutally beaten by some miscreant with an iron rod.

A Montreal despatch says the Wholesale Grocers' Guild will curtail credits on sugars and molasses to 30 days, on canned goods to 60 days and on dry groceries 90 days.

The Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition Committee has been offered by the Dominion Government 60 acres of land near the city for exhibition purposes at \$20 per acre.

At the annual meeting of the Toronto City Mission Hon. S. H. Blake advocated the formation of a company with \$50,000 capital to build better dwellings for the poor.

Grain circles in Winnipeg are excited over the better that the Canadian railway company is forcing up the price of wheat to enhance the value of Manitoba as a field for immigrants.

The Dominion Cotton Mills Company is now complete, and on January the 1st nine grey cotton mills in Canada will be under its management. The Kingston mill was capitalized at \$175,000.

The cold is so intense at Quebec that an ice bridge has formed across the St. Lawrence river. This is the earliest period for the ice to form on the river within the memory of the oldest river man.

The assignment of the large Ottawa dry goods firm of Russell, Seybold & Co. created a sensation on Friday. The failure is attributed to the general dullness of the lumber trade in the Ottawa valley.

Mayor Grenier, of Montreal, has consented to stand again for the civic chair, and as Dr. Guerin has consented to retire in his favour, the contest will be between Mayor Grenier and Mr. James McShane.

On Tuesday evening Augustus Thibodeau, one of the oldest Kingston citizens, died very suddenly, more than ninety years of age. In rebellion days he sided with Lyon Mackenzie, and was imprisoned several times. In politics he was a Baldwin Reformer.

Another strike of dockmen has been ordered in London.

Mrs. Peel, wife of the speaker of the English House of Commons, is dead.

Dr. Richard William Church, Dean of St. Paul's cathedral, London, is dead.

Canadian barley, eggs and other products are attracting increased attention in England.

Mr. Balfour's Irish Relief Bill passed its third reading in the House of Commons on Monday.

Mr. Parnell opened his campaign in Ireland on Wednesday and there is every prospect of a warm time.

Sir John Pope Hennessy was nominated on the anti-Parnellite ticket in North Kilkeny on Tuesday.

Four hundred families on Achill Island are compelled to eat diseased potatoes to keep from starving.

Dr. Russell, senior pathologist at the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, claims to have discovered the cancer parasite.

Cardinal Manning agrees with the opinions expressed in the Irish hierarchy's manifesto on the Parnell question.

A shell exploded in the Admiralty powder magazine at Gosport on Monday, killing one man and injuring two others.

The London Daily News asserts that 44 Parnellite members of Parliament will resign their seats if Parnell retains the leadership.

Canadian imports from Great Britain show a falling off of nearly \$350,000 for last month, as compared with October of last year.

It is understood that a number of Canadian steamers, of the tramp variety, have been prohibited from carrying cattle to Great Britain.

Mrs. Nellie Pearcey was found guilty by a London jury last week of murdering

Mrs. Hogg and her infant, and sentenced to be hanged.

Mr. Walsh, chairman of the Kildysart union and a staunch supporter of Mr. Parnell, has been arrested on the charge of intimidation.

Secretary Balfour has ordered a supply of meat to be taken to Clare Island and Innisturk to relieve the distress caused by the potato failure.

The London Times financial article says it will probably be necessary to assist New York banks to cope with their difficulties with gold from London.

Bullion to the amount of £50,000 was withdrawn from the Bank of England on Tuesday for shipment to Bahia and £477,000 for shipment to New York.

In the English House of Commons last week a supplementary estimate of £5,000 for the purpose of enquiring into Irish distress was introduced by the Government.

Lord Thomas Francis Fremonte Cottesloe is dead. He was twice secretary to the treasurer, and had also been secretary of war and chief secretary for Ireland. He was 92 years old.

Henry M. Stanley had a long cable letter in Tuesday's London Times defending England from foreign slurs arising from the disclosures in connection with the Emin Relief Expedition.

O'Gorman Mahon, the veteran M. P. for Carlow, who is aged 87 and introduced Parnell to Capt. O'Shea, wanted to fight a duel with Parnell, but was dissuaded by his physician from issuing a challenge.

Mr. Evans, President of the Liverpool Reform Club, with whom Parnell stayed the evening after the Hawarden interview, states that Parnell that evening gave him a version of the interview very different from that contained in his recent manifesto.

A despatch from London says Parliament will be dissolved about Easter, before which time the Government means to pass the Land Purchase bill, the Irish County Government bill, and the Tithes bill, and it is hoped these three measures will allay existing discontent on both sides of St. George's channel.

Poor settlers in Oklahoma are suffering severely from cold and want of food.

A score or more Indians have been arrested in South Dakota for taking part in the ghost dances.

Senator Cullom has introduced in the United States Senate a bill to reduce letter postage to one cent.

King Kalakaua, of Hawaii, has arrived at San Francisco, where he was received with every mark of respect.

A London despatch says: Mr. Parnell has sent a despatch to Milwaukee, Wis., declining an offer of \$15,000 for 100 lectures.

At Fort Wayne, Ind., Martin Mirget, a consumptive, blew out his brains because he was unable to get some of Dr. Koch's lymph.

The will of Daniel Fayerweather, the New York millionaire leather dealer, gives \$2,100,000 to different colleges and \$95,000 to hospitals.

A trust has been formed by the leading lumber firms of Georgia to control the world's supply of long leaf pine. Millions of dollars are involved.

The Hudson Bay Company's report shows a falling off in the collection of furs and the sale of farm lands, but there has been an increase in the sale of town lots.

The latest reports from Pine Ridge agency in Dakota are to the effect that the soldiers are hugging their camp fires, while the Indians stand a good chance of freezing to death.

Clerk McPherson, of the House of Representatives at Washington, has just had printed the unofficial list of members elect of the next house, showing 88 Republicans, 234 Democrats, eight Farmers' Alliance, one uncertain and one vacant.

A Kansas City paper says a company of English and American capitalists, known as the American Type Foundry Company is negotiating for the purchase of all the type foundries in the United States. The capital is placed at \$20,000,000.

Berlin has a population of 1,574,485.

Emin Pasha's expedition has reached the Victoria Nyanza.

Heinrich Berghaus, the eminent German geographer, is dead. He was born in 1797.

Thirteen lives were lost by the wrecking of a Norwegian barque on the Newfoundland coast.

Three hundred lives were lost by the blowing up of the Chinese Government powder mills at Tai Ping Foo on November 2.

On Sunday night the residence of the archbishop of Valencia, Spain, was damaged by the explosion of a bomb which had been thrown at it.

It is reported that the Czar has forbidden his subjects to enter Monaco on account of the ruin brought to many Russian families through the gaming tables there.

Ex-King Milan of Serbia has returned to Paris from London. He is enraged because the Queen, the Prince of Wales and Lord Salisbury declined to receive him.

A murder similar to the Whitechapel horrors has been discovered in the outskirts of Berne, Switzerland. A young peasant girl was the victim. No clue to the murderer.

The Russian Government has decided to expedite the building of several ironclads now in course of construction on the Black sea, and also to increase the number of torpedo boats in the navy.

A policeman is not necessarily a shepherd because he takes a crook along with him.

Omaha Housewife: "Say, young man—there was a fish in the quart of milk you left us yesterday!"—Omaha Milkman: "I have one cow that persists in going a-swimming in the river."

The last lineal descendant of Christopher Columbus, the discoverer of America, is reported to be dying. That he has ever done anything to perpetuate the glory of his house does not appear. The most noticeable thing concerning him seems to be that "he is a breeder of the best fighting bulls." What a degradation is this! The discoverer of New world have his line go out in a breeder of fighting bulls. It teaches, however, that noble aspirations are hot hereditary and that none can tell into what unworthy associations his name may be brought by those who come after him.

LEFT IN THE WOODS.

An Officer's Terrible Experience in Canadian Wilds.

I had often wondered how my friend Sturtevant's lameness was caused, but had hesitated to ask him, for I fancied he was sensitive about it. It was not unnatural that he should be, for he was an athlete and unusually handsome of face and figure, with only the one physical blemish.

One night he told me. I had made some casual reference to shooting and fishing, and he said with a scowl, "I used to be very fond of both, before I got this cursed limp." Only he spelt cursed rather vigorously.

"That is hardly pronounced enough to interfere with your pleasure," I ventured.

"The limp is not, but the recollection of how I got it is," he said. Then, after a pause, he added, "I may as well tell you, for I see you want to hear the story."

I nodded, and he continued: "I was the junior officer on the steamboat Surveyor, of the United States lake survey, in 186—"

"We were busy fixing the shore line of Whitefish bay, on the Lake Superior coast, during the whole season, and as my duties were very light I had ample time and opportunity for sport. Game was abundant, and I never saw finer fishing than there was in the waters of the lake and in the streams that flow into it."

"There are not many Indians along the Canadian shores of Lake Superior, at least in that part, but there are a few, and a more worthless set of human beings does not exist—that is, supposing that they are human, which I doubt. The only thing they are good for is hunting, and if you can find one of them sober you can hire him for almost nothing as a guide."

"I came to know one or two of the brightest of them, and I questioned them as to the chance of shooting deer. I never shot a deer, but I very much wanted to. One of them told me, whether truthfully or not, that he could take me where I could not miss getting at least one or two within half a day's tramp. I therefore applied for three days' leave from the boat, and received it, together with a caution from the chief officer."

"Be careful you don't get caught in a forest fire, my boy," he said. "I have been smelling fire for some days, and you know these pine woods burn fiercely when they do burn."

"I will be careful, sir," I replied, "but I reckon my halfbreed will be careful enough for two. He is going with me."

"The chief shook his head doubtfully, but he was a man of few words, and he said no more. I started early in the morning, expecting to tramp nearly all day before reaching the hunting ground, and was not disappointed. At length the half breed showed me what he said were deer tracks (I'm sure I don't know whether he lied or not), and proposed that we camp out for the night."

I agreed, and after we had cooked and eaten a few birds that we had shot by the way I wrapped myself in a blanket and smoked myself to sleep. If you have ever smoked on a pile of pine boughs you know that I slept well."

"Next morning we made an early start, and I was full of the excitement of the hunt when I made an unlucky step on a fallen tree and sprawled headlong to the ground. That wouldn't have been anything serious if my foot hadn't caught in the crotch of one of the limbs of the tree. As it was, my leg snapped just above the ankle. It was a compound fracture."

"I naturally fainted. When I came to my guide had extricated me, and I was lying flat on my back, while he was trying to pour some whisky out of my flask down my throat. I remember it as one of the curious incidents of the day. My first thought was that the flask was almost empty, and the copper colored rascal must have drunk deeply before giving me any."

"It was no time, though, to be thinking about whisky. The pain in my leg was, of course, intense, and my first care was to get the bone set. I knew that the Indians are often skillful in such matters, and I asked him, but he said he would try, and I let him go at it, that he knew nothing about it, and after half a minute of exquisite torture I made him stop. The only thing to do was to try to set the bone myself. Perhaps you never had that kind of a job to do. It is unpleasant."

"I managed, with help, to get propped up so that I could reach my foot, and somehow or other I contrived to get the bone in place. Then I fainted again. It must have been 10 o'clock when I gathered my wits together sufficiently to make a plank. Then I told the guide to fix me a good bed, bring some water, and go and shoot game enough to last for a couple of days, come back and cook it, and go back to the Surveyor for help. He nodded and went to work. I think the reason the red devil talk so little is for fear people will find out about them."

"He made me as comfortable as he could, and started. It was not until after he had gone that I noticed that he had taken my breech loader instead of his own single barrel, and that he had carried all my ammunition together with his own. I have often wondered why he did not cut my throat before leaving and rob me of all I had with me, but I suppose he was too great a coward, as Indians especially half breeds, often are. I carried a revolver, and I suppose he knew it. At all events, he found it out afterward."

"The grim look of satisfaction on Sturtevant's face as he said this was indescribable. After another short pause he continued: "I lay there till night before I realized that I had been left there to starve. Then as the darkness came on I realized something else. The smell of fire in the woods had been growing stronger and stronger all day, and I had fancied at times that the wind was too hot even for late summer. It was only the darkness, however, that revealed the glow of what was certainly a forest fire. I could not even judge how far off it was, but I knew if the wind freshened it might travel toward me at a frightful rate. I knew, too, that if I said where I was I would be burned to death."

"I wonder I didn't go mad; but I grew cool instead. I knew we had traveled roughly speaking, almost parallel with the shore line, and that that shore line was very irregular, being deeply indented with bays and small inlets. It might be that the shore was within a mile or two. If I could reach that I could escape the fire and perhaps starve there."

"I don't know how far it was. I couldn't gauge the distance traveling as I did on my hands and one knee, dragging a broken leg after me. I know I traveled all night and half the next day before I saw the blue wa-

ter. And my leg bone, though I had bandaged myself as well as I could, had to be set twice before then. I was delirious after the second time. Indeed, I think I was so nearly all the time, for I can't recall much of it. In fact, I never tried very hard. But when I came toward shore I seemed to get some better, and when I had reached the water's edge (for I dared not stop in the forest, the fire was getting so near) I saw something that steadied me."

"An Indian was paddling near shore toward the north. I knew that the Surveyor lay to the south. So did he. Something told me that it was my guide, though before I saw his face. The rascal had found the shore and stolen a canoe, and was making his way up the shore as fast as possible, knowing that he could hide himself in the wilderness long before I would be found, if I ever should be."

"Just as I had realized all this I noticed a white squall travelling toward shore as we have ever seen one you know that even the Indians make for shore when they are coming. This was the worst one I ever saw, and the only one I ever rejoiced to see, for the Indian saw it as soon as I and paddled directly toward where I lay."

"I took my revolver from my pocket, cocked it and got a rest over a bit of rock so that I shouldn't miss my aim, for it was fully forty yards to the point where he would land. Then I waited till he landed. Then I fired."

"After that I didn't know anything till I woke up a week later in my own bunk on board the Surveyor. The chief had moved me to the coast a few miles, leaving word for me to follow, and had found me himself the first time he went ashore. I got well after a while, but one leg was permanently shortened."

"Was the guide dead?" I asked.

"I never inquired," said Sturtevant; "but you know I am a fair shot."

DAVID A. CURTIS.

Seizing Salaries for Debt.

The recent decision that the salaries of Civil servants are not seizable for debt, leads the Montreal Witness to ask the question: Why anyone's salary should be seizable for debt? The Witness very properly contends that if the law was such that an employer could not be dragged into court to swear as to what money he has belonging to a debtor in his employ, an important step would be taken towards breaking down the credit system, which has done so much to prevent the prosperity of our young country.

It says: "The temptation to give and take credit should be reduced to a minimum, and it might be a very healthy thing to wipe out this method of collection altogether. We want to get down to the cash basis. There is no better way of promoting general thrift than to prevent men spending what they have not got and to give other men no help in encouraging them to do so. This power of seizing salaries is often used most tyrannically by heartless creditors and contemptible debt-juggling lawyers, who double the debtor's burden with exasperating costs."

The Portuguese expedition against Bihe, which started out with cavalry and Krupp cannon to eat up the rebellious natives of that plateau, are not having things all their own way. The latest news is that they have met with very serious loss, and after three days' fighting they barely gained a victory over a petty king. The Portuguese have found that while it is profitable in time of peace to sell guns and powder to the aborigines, these civilized weapons of warfare in the hands of the natives prove very inconvenient for the whites when war begins.

The inhabitants of the west coast of Newfoundland, having become thoroughly dissatisfied with the treatment they have been receiving from their rulers who dwell on the east, are about to petition the Imperial government to grant them release and annex them to Canada. They urge that geographically they belong to the Dominion, being only about 40 miles distant, while they are separated from the main colony of Newfoundland by a wilderness 500 miles wide. They further say that they now receive no protection against French aggression, while they are taxed to the last cent.

The committee appointed by the Imperial Government to ascertain the views of the self-governing colonies, concerning their commercial treaty-making powers have been informed on behalf of most of the colonies that two changes are desired, namely, the termination of the Belgian and German treaties, which deprive the colonies of the right to make closer commercial arrangements with the mother country; also the admission of the principle that trade treaties shall not be binding on the colonies without colonial consent. This exchange of views, however, only initiates the fuller discussion of the whole question, in which the right of the colonies to negotiate their own treaties, subject to imperial consent, will probably be urged. Canada's voice ought to be painfully heard.

It is interesting to note the steady advance which the steamship is making on the sailing vessel in securing the ocean-carrying trade. According to the report of the Montreal Harbor Master, the aggregate tonnage of sea-going vessels that visited that port during the season just closed is over 100,000 tons greater than last season, and 60,000 tons greater than 1887, which had the great, but aggregate up to that time. Yet the total number of vessels was greater in 1887 than in 1890 by twenty-one. There were, however, 624 steamships in 1890, as compared with 606 in 1887, and only 122 sailing vessels as compared with 177 sailing vessels in 1887, which explains how, with fewer vessels, the aggregate of shipping has largely increased.

It is not likely that the citizens of Hamilton have any disposition to repudiate their just debts, all yet it is just possible that they do not regard the Quebec Treasurer's find with the same feelings as that officer does. It appears that in rummaging through the pigeon holes of his department, the Treasurer came upon city of Hamilton bonds representing \$10,000. These bonds, it seems, were issued in respect of a bonus granted by Hamilton to the Galt and Guelph railway, and came into possession of the Quebec authorities at Confederation, when the decision of the assets between Ontario and Quebec was effected. As no interest has been paid on them since 1862 it is probable that the inhabitants of the Ambitious city had forgotten all about their obligation. Meanwhile however, the interest has been accruing and now the Quebec Treasurer is putting in claim for \$35,784.

The Latest in Hypnotism.

A Hungarian paper prints a letter from Paris telling the following interesting story, which is labeled, "Important if True:"

During a journey from Cologne the Baroness Rothschild was robbed of a casket containing jewels valued at 80,000 francs. The police captured the thief at London with the jewels in his possession. He described himself as James Pitt, an American physician who was travelling through Europe engaged in the study of hypnotism. He had a large sum of money and letters of credit in his possession which gave color to his claim that he was wealthy and had no reason to steal.

When asked to explain how he had got hold of the jewels he said that, being the only passenger in the railway coupe besides the Baroness he entered into conversation with her upon the subject of hypnotism. The Baroness, declared that she had no faith in hypnotism and cheerfully offered herself as a subject of experiment. Pitt declared that he readily succeeded in hypnotizing the Baroness, and while in that condition, being completely under his control, among other things he ordered her to hand him her jewel casket, which she forthwith did. He retained the jewels just for the purpose of teaching her a lesson, intending to return the jewels on his arrival in London. "This story, incredible as it seems, was verified by the Baroness, and Pitt was released from custody. He is a tall and exceedingly handsome man."

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To the first person sending in the correct answer to these questions will be given number one of these rewards—the Piano. To the next person, the \$100.00 in cash, and so on till all these rewards are given away.

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First one, an Elegant Upright Piano by celebrated Canadian Firm..... \$500

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Next fifteen, each a superbly bound Teachers' Bible, \$3..... 45

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Next five, each a beautiful Quadruple Silver Plated Pen Service (4 pieces) \$40..... 200

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Next five, each a Fine French China Tea Service of 68 pieces, specially imported, \$40..... 200

Next seventeen, each a complete set of George Elliot's works bound in cloth, 5 vols., \$15..... 255

Next seven, each a Ladies' Fine Gold Open Face or Hunting Case Watch, \$30..... 210

MIDDLE REWARDS.

To the person sending the middle correct answer of the whole competition from first to last will be given the fifty dollars in cash. To the middle will be given one of the ten dollar amounts, and so on till all the middle rewards are distributed.

First, Fifty dollars in cash..... \$50

Next five, each \$10 in cash..... 50

Next three, each a fine Family Sewing Machine, \$50..... 150

Next five, each a Ladies' Fine Gold Watch, \$50..... 250

Next ten, each a Fine Triple Silver Plated Tea Set (4 pieces) \$60..... 600

Next twenty-one, each a set of Dickens' Works, Beautifully bound in Cloth, 10 vols., \$20..... 420

Next five, an elegant China Dinner Service of 101 pieces, by Powell, Bishop & Stonier, Harnley, England..... 250

Next five, each a fine French China Tea Service, of 68 pieces, specially imported, \$40..... 200

Next seventeen, each a complete set of George Elliot's works bound in cloth, 5 vols., \$15..... 255

Next eighteen, each a handsome Silver Plated Sugar Bowl, \$50..... 900

Next five, each a Ladies' Fine Gold Watch, \$50..... 250

Next fifty-five, each a handsome long Silver Plated Button Hook..... 55

CONSOLATION REWARDS.

For those who are too late for any of the above rewards the following special list is offered, as far as they will go. To the sender of the last correct answer received at LADIES' JOURNAL office postmarked 15th December or earlier, will be given number one of these consolation prizes, to the next to the last, number two, and so on till these rewards are all given away.

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Next five, each a Ladies' Fine Gold Watch, \$50..... 250

Next fifteen, each a Ladies' Fine Gold Gem Ring, \$7..... 105

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TIT-BITS.

A Stayer. Young lady (to an aged admirer who has prolonged an evening call to near midnight) —You would make a great success in the prize ring, Mr. Nevergo?

Grammatical Item. "Mishter Silverstein," said Mose Schaumburg to his clerk, "chump up on dose ladders and hand me down dose schentlemanly underveat."

A Tender Epistle. Mrs. Demming asked Matilda, the house servant, a few nights ago: "What dreadful scratching is that out in the kitchen? It must be the dog trying to get in. I never heard anything like it in my life."

Tit for Tat. Visiting Friend—How are you coming on? Sick Man—Well, the doctors have given me up, and now I have struck a way to get well. I will give up the doctors. I'll get even with them.

Just Like Him. He certainly wasn't handsome, but he had a loving heart. He bought his adored one a birthday present of a pug that broke down all the usual standards of ugliness and set up one of its own.

Quite a Difference. Justice—Madame, you are charged with having assaulted your servant girl. On the morning of the 28th of this month, you threw a cup of water in her face, kicked her, and finally you threw a dish full of butter at her head.

She Missed Him. Mr. Billus had been away from home several days and had just returned. "Did you miss me, Maria?" he inquired, as he deposited his valise in the corner, hung his overcoat on a hook and then gave his wife a business-like kiss.

A Great Deal in Him. Towser—"I don't see what you see in Jaggley. Now, I don't think there is anything in him at all." Ticks—"Well, you wouldn't say that if you saw him down at the club once."

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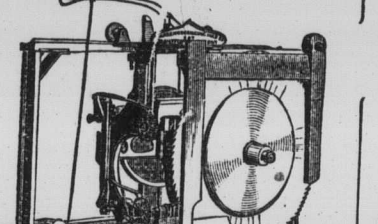
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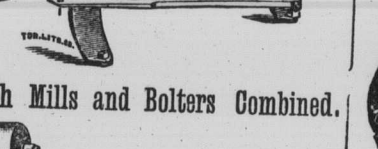
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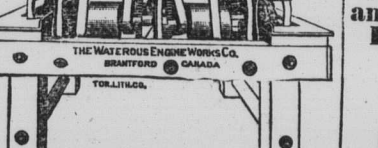
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COMMUNICATION.

THE 'VARSITY QUESTION.

(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.)

Let us now look at another side of the question. Mr. Lochhead was so fond of quoting statistics, I will do likewise. The number and certificates of teachers in our Collegiate Institutes and High Schools is a good criterion by which to judge the relative standing of our university. I will refer my readers to pages 318-323 of the report of the Minister of Education for the year 1888, especially the recapitulation page 323. This shows the number of teachers with their names, in all the Collegiate Institutes and High Schools in the province of Ontario, and the colleges from which they graduated. Toronto University can claim the honor of having granted degrees to more than half of the whole number of Collegiate Institute masters and to more High School teachers than all the other colleges put together. Note the following table:

Universities.	Teachers in Collegiate Institutes.	Teachers in High Schools.	Grand Total.
Toronto,	84	95	179
Victoria,	16	30	46
Queen's,	11	19	30
Trinity,	1	10	11
Albert,	0	1	1
McGill,	1	0	1
Ottawa,	0	1	1
Glasgow, N. S.,	1	0	1
British,	0	4	4
Assistants/certificates	16	29	45
Provincial	29	74	103
Permits,	0	5	5
Total	159	268	427.

Let us turn to the principal Collegiate Institutes and High Schools of the province and ask ourselves the question: On the curricula of which college do the majority base their teaching? Any person conversant with the facts of the case will at once answer—Toronto. I know for my part I attended the St. Marys Collegiate Institute, when it ranked among the first of the province, and until shortly before I left I knew very little of any college except Toronto. At that time it was by many termed "the goddess university," a miserable and most contemptible misnomer. To which college do Woodstock College, Upper Canada College, Hamilton (with 16 teachers), St. Catharines, Owen Sound, Collingwood, Galt, Guelph, Chatham, Stratford, Stratford, etc., Collegiate Institutes send their best men? These schools merely act as tributaries of Toronto University. Will Mr. Lochhead answer *that* question or refute *this* statement? I refer to F. M. Wilson to speak for St. Catharines which sends out the best classical men in the province. With the above facts before us let us examine into the charges laid at our door. You say "I endeavored to prove the superiority of Toronto University over her rivals." If I failed in my endeavors last time, I have been more successful on this occasion. I gave the figures to the best of my knowledge last time I know give them from the reports of the Minister of Education which cannot be refuted as they have received the sanction of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. Mr. Lochhead says "The writer states that the number of students in attendance at Toronto University almost equals the aggregate attendance of any other three Protestant Universities in Canada." I flatly deny this. I did not refer to Protestant Universities only, because ours includes a Catholic college. Nor did I say equals but exceeds, and say so still, taking his own figures for McGill at 850 and Toronto Arts (not even counting medicals, etc.) alone at 784 which was the number for 1888. I must again make clear the fact that the 400 I attributed to McGill was the number when compared on the same basis with Toronto at 1,000. He says "Again on consulting the prospectus of the School of Practical Science Toronto University, for 1889, I find the total number of students to be 69, not the 250 as stated." I stated 250 but should have stated 264, at least, as is shown by the report of the Minister of Education for 1888, page 308. Mr. Lochhead took into consideration only one department, namely, Civil Engineering, which had 68 students in 1889. He also says "I have not examined Victoria or Queen's calendars but think the figures to be underrated also." If I set what he thinks over against what the Kingston correspondent to the Toronto Mail knows, and not Victoria students report, I am not long in deciding on which to place dependence. I am not long in doubt. I may, at this juncture, state the trouble I took to-day in looking up lists, interviewing authorities, etc. I received THE BEE this morning and must confess, was rather "cut up" by the astounding statements made in Mr. Lochhead's letter, which, if they were not intended to mislead the public, certainly must have done so. I put the paper in my pocket and took it over with me to the Biological Department where I had some work to do. I there read the letter to the boys. They seemed rather amused. I afterwards consulted the registrar of Toronto University and afterwards called on Hon. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education, in his office at the Normal School. He gave me the report to which I have referred so frequently above. I also consulted Knox College students, students in the School of Practical Science, medical students, etc., in fact, spent all afternoon obtaining facts which will refute the statements made in THE BEE of Dec 5th. For facts of the case I should refer to the Rev. A. Henderson, M. A., pastor of the Presbyterian church, Woodstock; Rev. W. Harvey, B. A., pastor of the Methodist church, Guelph, both of whom are graduates of Toronto University. The former will know all about Knox College, and the latter

about the Arts department in late years. I also may refer to Edward Harvey and W. Elliot, for facts concerning the Medical college. Yes! surely! "my statements are incorrect" when taken from the authentic report of the Minister of Education. Although in the above I take Mr. Lochhead's statements about McGill I am a little doubtful as to their authenticity. Permit me now to make a short resume of this valuable report. On page 300 we find "The annual report of the University of Toronto 1888-9—"To His Honor the Honorable Alexander Campbell, K. C. M. G., Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, visitor of the University of Toronto," and signed "William Mulock, Vice-Chancellor," from which my figures have been taken. Next on page 302 we find a report from Sir Daniel Wilson, L. L. D., F. R. G. E., President of the University, which contains a full list of professors, etc., which in number are as follows:—Faculty of Arts, Professors, 14; Lecturers, 9; Fellows, 8; Demonstrators, 1; total 32. Faculty of Medicine, Professors, 13; Lecturers, 4; Demonstrators, 4; Assistant Demonstrator, 5; Instructor, 1; total 32. Faculty of Law, Professors, 3; Honorary Lecturers, 9; total 12. Etc., etc. Can McGill show an equal to this? I think not. Next we find on page 307 "the annual report of the School of Practical Science, Toronto, 1889," to the Hon. G. W. Ross, M. P. P., Minister of Education, by J. Galbraith, Principal, Department of Engineering—68 students; Department of Analytical and Applied Chemistry, 4 students; Chemistry, 264 students; Mathematics and Physics, 63 students; Mineralogy and Geology, 86 students; Department of Assaying and Mining Geology, 30 students. On page 318 we find a list of the teachers in Collegiate Institutes and High Schools and the colleges from which they graduated, and on page 323 a recapitulation, from which I took my figures on this subject. I would like Mr. Lochhead or any other man to let me know where I could get more authentic figures. I wish my readers to distinctly understand that the figures with regard to Knox College, etc., (which I did not expressly state as taken from the printed report viz, the "blue books") to be merely an approximation, but this will not affect my case. In these figures I do not necessarily include those in actual attendance on lectures, but those who are undergraduates of Toronto University and who wrote on their examinations, and those who by their action in thus writing showed their desire to be graduates of Toronto University in preference to other institutions. I may state here we have men here from Ottawa and places in the immediate vicinity of Montreal, also men from Kingston and places near Cobourg, and these are most enthusiastic in their praises of their Alma Mater. I may also add that the "freshman" class of last year in the Medical Department was greater than that of McGill which was formerly considered the best medical college in Canada. I have heard nothing said of this year's class so that I can make no statement with regard to it. An incident which occurred a short time ago will show the number of Toronto University students. Remember Mr. Lochhead says there are 850 students in McGill. If he had been down at the Union Station the evening Prof. R. Ramsay Wright left for Germany and had a roll book in his hand he could have counted 600 students assembled there on that occasion to do honor to our professor, who, through the generosity of Mr. Mulock, was enabled to go to Berlin for the purpose of bringing back Dr. Koch's remedy for tuberculosis. I take the above figures from the Mail of Nov. 26th. I make this statement for fear Mr. Lochhead will accuse me of overrating. I was very much surprised Mr. Editor at seeing the word "correction" appear at the top of the local which contained Mr. Lochhead's phenomenal letter. On what authority did you call it a correction? This is a fair question. You say while you "believed the figures to have been incorrect you were not at the time in possession of the actual figures as they appear in the calendars of 1889? How many calendars have you seen on this subject? Another fair question. Any person who knows anything of University work is familiar with the fact that a college calendar or prospectus is the last place for an outsider to go in order to get intelligible information. This is shown from Mr. Lochhead's idea of the School of Practical Science—obtained from reading a prospectus—that this institution consisted of only 65 students. Tell one of the boys in the school that he would, figuratively speaking, knock you down. If you look back over your old Toronto dailies for the last month you will find a lengthy account of their dinner to which over 90 sat down. It is very difficult for me, who attend college every day, to arrive at a right conclusion as to the number of students in attendance, from a college calendar but it would be the height of presumption on my part to enter your sanctum and tell you that I knew as much as you about the "Newspaper Guide." You say, "However we would not wish to infer the writer wished to mislead the public in the matter." That contained the greatest sting of all; it was "the most unkindest cut of all." I must thank you Mr. Editor for that. There was one part of my last report left out which I wish inserted now that this article will appear above my own signature. Toronto University is the only college in Canada which can claim an equal standing with like institutions in Great Britain and the United States. I did not make this assertion on my own authority but on that of a great American newspaper which would not for such a trifle risk the besmiling of its record. I cut the article out at the time and if I can find it will send the same to you. This was made at the time of the fire last February. Another way of showing Toronto University's greatness and superiority over all other colleges in Canada is by comparing the positions occupied by their graduates. I will just name a few. Hon. Edward Blake,

Hon. S. H. Blake, Hon. Oliver Mowat, W. R. Meredith, John Hoskin, Joseph Blackstock, J. A. McLellan, John Scott, J. E. Hodgson, Alex. Marling, John Millar, William T. Aikens, John Henderson, J. E. Wetherell and many others too numerous to mention. Of course Mr. Lochhead may say that McGill students settle in Quebec province and we hear nothing of them in Ontario. True. But how many High Schools are there in Quebec compared with Ontario? How many of these get their assistants from Catholic Universities? Now in conclusion, I think I have proved to any unprejudiced mind, that the University of Toronto is the greatest Canadian seat of learning, that it overshadows more students (1,700) than the other three universities put together (1,500). Let us even deduct from this 1,700 more possible matriculation "plucks" than I have allowed for and greater possible inaccuracies in my calculations with respect to Knox College, etc., and I am still certain my foregoing statement will be correct. When Victoria College moves to Toronto and comes under the wing of our University, when all the able students from Methodist families all over the Province flock to Toronto, what will be our dimensions then? Let each reader answer this question for himself. Before leaving the matter I would like to ask Mr. Lochhead another question: Can he remember any Natural Science graduate from McGill—let him even be the scholarship man—who got \$1,000 per annum as soon as he left college? One of our last year's class, who was not a scholarship man, got that salary as soon as he stepped out of college. McGill is a great university. Far be it from me to underrate its value. It has produced a large number of good men, among them Mr. Lochhead himself. It has splendid Medical and Practical Science courses. In my attempts to prove my case I may have been led to make what might appear, depreciating statements, but it was never my intention to belittle McGill or any other college, doing a noble work. It delights me to hear of McGill's successes. May I never become so narrow minded that I can see no good in a rival. Although I may have been somewhat sharp in my remarks concerning Mr. Lochhead's statements, I hold him in the highest esteem, and it will always give me the greatest pleasure to hear of his mounting high the ladder of fame. I have the utmost respect for him and have always taken special delight in his conversation when occasion made us companions. In conversation with Mr. Riddell, formerly mathematical master of Galt Collegiate Institute, not long ago, we spoke of Mr. Lochhead and he gave him the greatest praise for scholarship and teaching ability. In conclusion, Mr. Editor, I thank you for the space you have given me, and will take this opportunity of publicly congratulating you on the great success attendant on your efforts to build up Atwood and its industries. You have undertaken a most commendable task and so far your efforts have been attended with the greatest success—which speaks well for the future. Newspaper editors have in their hands one of the greatest educative influences there are in the country and if used rightly will be productive of the greatest good. Although I was "put about" by the article which appeared in your last issue, as it was never my intention to injure anyone's feelings, still it does not warp my impressions with regard to THE BEE, which is the most interesting local paper I receive. Its typographical accuracy, freedom from gossip, extreme impartiality, all go to make up a clean sheet. My best wishes go with you in your praiseworthy efforts.

1, University College, Faculty of Arts, etc.; 2, Medical College, Faculty of Medicine; 3, Law Faculty; 4, Knox College; 5, Wycliffe College; 6, St. Michael's College; 7, Agricultural College; 8, Dental College; 9, Engineering Department of School of Practical Science; 10, College of Music; 12, Biological Department, special students; 13, Course provided for 1st A and 1st B students; 13, Special course for students in all colleges, departments, and sub-departments; 14, Ladies' Medical College. I have written the above in great haste and may have omitted things which should have been inserted and inserted others which should have been omitted. When the new college is erected, Convocation Hall and Library constituting a separate building, when new Wycliffe College, Victoria College, club house, skating rink, new chemistry and mineralogy building (which according to Dr. Pike's statement will give ample room for 150 students to work at the same time in his department alone), Medical College and hospital are built, which are either in course of erection or under consideration; when Knox College will erect a new building, when the Professoriate is increased. When all these buildings cluster around the main building in Queen's Park, what will our dimensions be?

NOTE BY EDITOR.—Yes, Mr. Knox, you can "arrive at a right conclusion" as to the number of students in attendance by consulting McGill or Toronto University calendars, and it matters not whether we have seen one or five hundred as regards their accuracy. The figures set forth in the calendars of McGill, Toronto, Queen's, or any other Canadian university, are quite as authentic and reliable as the Minister of Education's report. In fact, the calendar or prospectus is compiled for the benefit of those who wish to learn the actual standing of a university without having to wade through an exhaustive report. It is a summary of the college work for one year as set forth in the report, hence its reliability. We will give Mr. Lochhead an opportunity for reply, providing the same does not exceed two pages of foolscap written on one side, when this discussion will have closed.

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