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We have had busy seasons in former years, but never anything to approach the one just past, either in volume of trade or number of orders.

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For the increased confidence shown us by our patrons we wish to express our two-fold gratitude, coupled with a determination to so improve our stock during the year 1898, that our customers will feel more than ever justified in their patronage.

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I am yours faithfully,

W. F. McGARTY,
77 KENT STREET.

The Watchman.

THURSDAY, JAN. 13th, 1897.

LOCAL NEWS-LETTERS

BURNT RIVER

Special to the Watchman.

IN OPERATION.—Mr. Malcolm McDonald has just got his new shingle mill in operation and is turning out first-class shingles. This is an excellent thing for the community, as Mr. McDonald is prepared to purchase a large amount of bolts. We wish the new firm success.

MUSKOKA.

Special to the Watchman.

INSTANTLY KILLED.—James Ellis, son of Mr. J. Ellis, who resides about six miles south of Barrie, was instantly killed at Anderson's lumber camp near Gravenhurst on Monday, and was buried in the cemetery near his home on Wednesday. He was felling a tree, and on looking up was struck in the forehead by a falling limb and instantly killed. He was about 35 years of age and unmarried.

KIRKFIELD

Special to the Watchman.

BUSINESS.—Messrs. McKenzie & Campbell have resumed business, and the town generally has a brisk appearance.

FINE LIVERY.—Mr. M. Gunn runs the best conducted livery in the county. His horses and outfits are of the finest.

WHAT IS NEEDED.—It is unfortunate that the grist mill is not in operation, as a great deal of trade is taken to some of the other villages. Why does not some good man take the matter in hand?

BALSAM GROVE

Special to the Watchman.

SCHOOL REPORT.—Standing of the pupils for term ending December, 1897. Names inserted in order of merit. Senr 4th—Ida Everson. Senr. 3rd—Florence Thuaston, Alice Thurston, Hilliard Copp Junr. 3rd—Della Copp, Stella Everson, John Thurston, Sandy Campbell, Ross Antis, James Daniel, Walter Everson, Edgar Antis. Senr. part 2nd—Arnold Thurston. Junr. part 2nd—Aggie Everson, Willie Carr. Senr. 1st—Philip Thurston. Junr. 1st—Osgood Imrie, Percy Eyerson, Fritz Antis.

VALENTIA.

Special to the Watchman.

INSTITUTE MEETING.—A Farmers' Institute meeting will be held at Valentia, in the cheese factory, on Friday, Jan 28th, when addresses on important subjects will be delivered by Messrs. G. C. Caston, Craighurst; W. R. Swain, Valentia; W. P. King, Mariposa, who will contribute a paper on "Hog Raising," a very interesting subject to farmers at the present time; S. J. Reynolds of Dunsford, on "Silos and Ensilage'; Wm. Hobbs, J. F. Dix and others. The meeting is free to everyone, and the evening session will be dispersed with music and songs. The ladies are particularly requested to attend the evening meeting.

SCHOOL REPORT.—Report of s.s. No. 21, Valentia, for December. 5th class—Bessie Davey, Nellie Swain, Emma Bruce, Effie Swain. 4th class—Lester Parkir s, Mabel Davey, Eva Kerr, Wm. Graham, Sr. 3rd—Amy Bruce, Ree Stewart, Stanley Harness, Fred Swain, Bertha Kerr, Acy Found. Jr. 3rd—Minnie Parkins, Wilfred Casey, Maggie Grose, Fila Wakeford. Sr. 2nd—Fred Starr, Bertrum Thompson, Florence Brown. Jr. 2nd—Herbert Jordan, Cephas Jordan, Carswell Found, Charlie Wakeford. Part 2nd—Rachel Brown, Annie Starr, Frank Davey May Wakeford, Jos. Found, Elva Casey Emanuel Grose, Johnnie Graham Part 1st—Norman Brown, Lionna Parkins.

W. T. RICH, teacher.

LITTLE BRITAIN.

Special to the Watchman.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.—J. B. Weldon issuer of marriage licenses, Little Britain. —12-tf

INSTITUTE MEETING.—A meeting of the Farmers' Institute will be held at Little Britain, in the Temperance hall, on Thursday, Jan. 27th, commencing at one o'clock. There will also be an evening session, interspersed with music and songs, to which the ladies are particularly invited. Valuable papers will be contributed by W. Kenny, V.S., of Lindsay; G C. Caston of Craighurst; Wm Hore, on "Swine Breeding;" John Stacey on the "Fitting and Shipping of Cattle to the English Market;" A. J. Reynolds of Danford on "Summer and Winter Dairying;" A. Davidson and others. The meeting is free, and should be attended by every farmer in the district.

EAST OKWOOD.

Special to the Watchman.

NEW WINDMILLS.—The prosperity of our line is apparent from the erection of two windmills on the farms of Mr. Jesse Weldon and Mr. Wm. Channon.

PERSONAL.—We are pleased to report that Mr. Shepherd, our young pastor, who has been ill for several weeks, is able to resume his duties. We must have the best buds as the flowers are coming this way.

TEACHERS.—The Misses Minnie and Florence Graham, daughters of Mr. Geo. Graham, are absent from our midst instructing the youths of s.s. No. 4, Ops, and s.s. No. 6, Mariposa. These schools are to be congratulated on having obtained such efficient teachers.

TEMPERANCE MEETING.—The meeting held here last Sabbath was a decided success. The singing, recitations and speeches were of the highest order.

ROYAL OAK

Special to the Watchman.

SCHOOL REPORT.—The following is the report of the Royal Oak school for the month of December, Names are inserted in order of merit. 5th class—Emma Thorne and Annie Pinkham (equal), Kate Murray. John McLean, Herbert Tremeer 4th class, sr.—Neil Ferguson, Claude Rundle Allan McDonald, Willie Stevens, Lena Burthwick, Almer Crossen. 4th class, jr.—Mary J. McLean, Mac. Mc Donald, John McDonald, D. McDonald, Luella Turner, Murray Black. 3rd class sr.—Ila Tremeer, Charles McPhaden, Janney Murray, Lena McDonald, Olive Crossen, Mabel Turner. 3rd class, jr.—Mabel McDonald, Katie McKinnon, Bessie McPhaden, Russel Pollock, Florence McDonald, Marion Crossen, Sarah Rundle, 2nd class—Annie McDonald, Eva Rundle, Eva Turner, Herbert West. Pt. 2nd class—Ada May Innes. Pt. 1st class—Willie Murray. Pearl Crossen.

M. E. PINKHAM, teacher.

WOODVILLE.

Special to the Watchman.

CARNIVAL.—A grand racing and masquerade carnival will be held in the rink here on Friday, the 14th inst. This is the first of the season and no pains have been spared to prepare a first-class event. The following prizes should guarantee a good list of entries for the different competitions: 3 mile open, 1st silver cup, value $10; 2nd silver cup, value $6 00; best gent's costume, pair of gloves; best lady's costume, 1 pair kid gloves, 2 blouse sett; best comic costume, silk handkerchief; boy's race, 16 years and under, 1 cuff buttons, 2 necktie; couple race, 1 fancy fruit dish, 2 lady's bangle pin; Gentlemen beginner handicap race, shaving mug. Among the contestants on the ice will be Dusty and Brown, Cannington; Cameron, Beaverton; Brady, Lindsay; Palmer, Bracebridge; McLean and McKay, Woodville. Brass band will be in attendance. For further particulars see posters.

PONTYPOOL.

Special to the Watchman.

SOCIAL.—The basket social held in the Orange hall on New Year's night under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church was a decided success, both in the way of the entertainment and financially. Much credit is due to those who helped in giving to the people such an enjoyable evening. Specially to be thanked are the two auctioneers, Stanton and Maguire, and those who assisted in the excellent program.

PERSONAL—Mr. Smith and Mr. Elliott of Toronto spent New Year's at the Fairview house.....Miss Mabel Kennedy commenced her duties as teacher in Oakland school, Clarke township.

SUPPER—The annual oyster supper and anniversary of the Presbyterian church was held on New Year's eve. On following Sunday sermons were preached in the morning by the pastor of the church, in the evening by Mr. Thos. Oswald of Knox college, Toronto.

Crowded out last week.

PLESANT POINT—FENELON

Special to the Watchman.

CONCERT.—The evening of Dec. 24th, was the occasion of one of the finest concerts ever held in this community. The day was very suitable for the event, and by 7 p.m. a large crowd had gathered. The honor of chairman was conferred upon Mr. W. E. Smith of Glandine, who is at present studying law in the office of McSweyn & Anderson, Lindsay. Mr Smith, in his usual good humored style, proved himself equal to the position. The program was lengthy, but interesting throughout. Among many pieces well worthy of mention, if space would permit, was a duett by the Misses Gow and the singing and reciting of the worthy chairman. The last feature of the entertainment was the disposing of the articles on the Xmas arches, which fairly groaned under their heavy burdens of many and costly presents. The school room, when lit up by the various shaped Chinese lanterns and the rows of wax candles neatly arranged on the highly decorated arches, presented as beautiful a [illegible] upon. Much [illegible] who did so much [illegible] entertainment such [illegible] dispersed for their [illegible] proclaiming "it was the [illegible]"

Crowded out last week.

REABORO.

Special to the Watchman.

A SOCIAL EVENING.—Miss Esther P[illegible] teacher of s.s. No. 9, O[illegible] of Mr. John Pogue of R[illegible] social party on New Y[illegible] number of her most intima[illegible] acquaintances, together [illegible] of the elite of the district. [illegible] was spent principally in games and music, and very often during the evening "Sweet eyes made love to eyes which spoke again, and all went merry as a marriage bell" till the wee sma' hours of the morn, when the party dispersed, all well satisfied with their evening's enjoyment, but not without first returning thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Pogue for all the nice edibles furnished for the occasion, of which there was an ample supply. Some of those present gave vent to their feelings bo singing for "John is a jolly good fellow, nobody can deny." Judging from the innumerable sly glances that were exchanged during the evening there will be quite a number of marriages around Reaboro in the near future.

[Crowded out last week]

FINGERBOARD.

Special to the Watchman.

PERSONALS — Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Emerson spent Xmas with relatives at Fingerboard.....Last Monday evening a happy sleigh load at Mr. Thos. Moase's, jr., comprising the Misses Rundle of Sonya, Misses Virtue of Tyrone, Messrs. Rundle of Sonya and Mr. Wesley Rundle of Havelock.....Mr. and Mrs. C. Tait and family and Mr. and Mrs. Neil McDougall and family spent New Year's at Mrr Thomas Moase's sr.....Mrs. R Moase and son Earl spent Christmas in Toronto at Mrs Moase's father, Mr. W. D Rogers

PURCHASE.—Mr. Thos. Moase, jr., purchased a new set of sleighs last week from Pedlar & Emerson of Lindsay. They are one of the finest pair of sleighs that ever came to Fingerboard, which speaks highly of the work sent out by that firm, and one would do well to examine their work before purchasing.

SUDDEN DEATH.—David Smith, youngest son of Mr. George Smith, died suddenly on Sunday morning of croup and consilitis, after three days illness. Great sympathy is felt for the bereaved friends.

SWEET BRIAR.

Crowded out last week.

OAKWOOD

Special to the Watchman.

C.O C.F.—The following are the officers for the current year: Chief councillor, P. S. Mark; vice-councillor, A. J. Mark; recorder, G. B. Rennie; treasurer, A. O. Hogg; prelate, Charles Thomas; marshal, Malon Weldon; warden, Wm. J. Lownsbrough; guard, Wilson Wallis; sentry, G. F. Mason; representative, G. B. Rennie; past councillor, Wm. Lownsbrough. Oakwood Council, No. 30, was organized here in June, 1889, being now in the ninth yerr of its existence. Its membership is now about 80, and is largely composed of the staunchest farmers of this locality. During this long period there has been only one death. The following card will give some idea of the promptness with which this society settles its death claims.

LINDEN VALLEY, JAN. 1st, 1898.

A. O. Hogg, Treasurer No. 30 C.O C.F., Oakwood:

DEAR SIR,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of cheque for $2,000, the amount of insurance on the life of my late husband, Eli Giles, who died on Dec. 4th, 1897. Please convey my thanks to the Canadian Order of Chosen Friends for the prompt payment of this claim, and for the courtesy extended to me by the members of Oakwood Council.—Yours truly,

ANNIE ELIZA GILES.

WEST.-OPS

Special to the Watchman.

PRESENTATION.—A very pleasant time was spent at the home of J. and J. Oldfield on Chistmas day, when the children and grandchildren gathered as usual to spend their Christmastide together. During the afternoon they surprised their parents by presenting them with a pair of handsome easy chaias as a small token of love and esteem. The following is the address:—DEAR PARENTS. It is with pleasure that we gather home on this another Christmas, and as memory recalls days gone by it fills our hearts with a deeper love and gratitude to you and our dear home where we had so much joy and happiness. But as we look around there is some of the dear ones absent which we would liked to have been with us, but duty has deemed it otherwise, and we one and all join in wishing you both a very happy Xmas. And now, dear parents, allow us to present you with these easy chairs as a small token of our love to you, and may God bless and spare you both to us for many years to enjoy this token of love. Signed on behalf of the family,

THOMAS OLDFIELD,
WM. J. OLDFIELD.

Although the parents were taken completely by surprise, Mr. Oldfield made a very feeling reply, and after thanking the family for the chairs wished all the dear ones both present and absent every blessing and a happy and prosperous New Year.

BRAULES—MARIPOSA.

Special to the Watchman.

RIGHT MAKES MIGHT.—Monday's victory for local option was a sweeping one. Such an emphatic protest against the repeal from an intelligent people who have watched the working of local option for six years cannot but have an effect in other municipalities. Local option must be a good law or it would not have been sustained, and it is a good law if it were only enforced; and if he wovld, our license inspector could enforce it; and, if he dont, Mariposa is going to know the reason why.

DCSERVEDLY POPULAR.—Another result of Monday's vote which gladdened the hearts of the people of this neighborhood was the re-election of Mr. John Stacy to Mariposa' council. He will this year hold the office of first deputy-reeve. He is the right man in the right place, and the people think so, as was shown by the large majority given him over a worthy opponent, Mr. P. S. Mark of Oakwood.

MEDICINE MEN—The Kickapoo Indians have about finished their circuit of the townships and are giving nightly concerts at Sonya. To those who appreciate utterly nonsenical fun their entertainments appear to be very amusing, others find them disgustingly silly. One wonders occassionally how many hundreds of dollars poorer Mariposa is because of the visit of this company.

DIPHTHERIA.—We regret to hear this slokness reported from south of us, and sincerely hope that it may be checked without further serious results.

SONYA

Special to the Watchman.

PERSONAL.—Master Andrew McKnight spent the vacation with his uncle, Mr. T. H. Watson.....Miss Rose Robinson of Toronto is the guest of the Misses McPhail.....Mr. Neil McPhail of New Wesminster, B. C., is spending the holidays with his parents, after an absence of five years. He is greatly in love with his new home in the west and to all appearances the climate thoroughly agrees with him.

A GENEROUS OFFER.—Dame Rumorer says, that we are to expect at least a couple of weddings ere long as some of our young men have arrived at the decision, that "it is not good that man should be alone" Should they desire full particulars of the "splicing" to come out in THE WATCHMAN, we will be pleased to write them up on condition that a good seized piece of cake is left with us.

SOCIAL.—The Ladies Aid social on Friday evening last was a grand success. Rev. A. Currie filled the chair with his usual well-time remarks. The Baptist choir of Manilla furnished choice music and this being their first appearance in Sonya we sincerely hope that we will be favored with another visit from them in the near future. Rev. Tyrell of Little Britain gave a pleasing and instructive address on his recent visit to Scotland. Mr. John Beecroft gave a recitation in good style which was well received. Miss C. Ferguson, Mr. Hardy, the Pinkham family and others were contributors to a lengthy program which was listened to throughout with the best of attention by a large audience.

ELDON.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.—The township council met for business on the 15th Dec., in Reid's hall, Lorneville. Members all present. After routine business the following resolutions were passed. Moved by Coun. McDonald, seconded by Coun. McPherson, that Wm. Routley be paid the sum of $3 being cost incurred in his capacity as pathmaster. Moved by Coun. McPherson, seconded by Coun. McFadyen, that Gilbert McEachern be paid $25 for ¼ acre of part lot 23 in con. 2 for gravel pit. Moved by Coun. McPherson, seconded by Coun. Vanstone, that $20 be paid Mr. G. Smith, O.L.S., on account of plan Victoria Road. Deputy-Reeve McDonald dissented. Moved by Coun. McPherson, seconded by Coun. McFadyen, that George Roberts be allowed an abatement of $5 15 in arrears of taxes rated against W ½ lot 21, con. 5 Moved by Coun. Vanstone, seconded by Coun. McPherson, that the following accounts be paid: Jas. Donnell 10 loads of gravel 50c; Colin Campbell 50 loads of gravel $1.50; Myles Haygarth 148 loads of gravel $7.40; Angus McDonald 135 loads of gravel $6.75; Peter Basset, 25 rods of gravel $2, Ronald Bell jr. 26 rods of gravel $2.08; Percy Reid for printing and posting contagious diseases placards $1.50, Municipal World, blanks $4 35; Brown Bros. treasurer's book $3.40; McSweyn & Anderson, solicitors $26.57; Geo. Ashman, salary $10; Campbell & Spence, wood for Kirkfield lockup $1.50; Dugald Cmith, repairs to scraper $5.75; John McDonald cedar for culvert for Victoria Road $1. Moved by Coun. McDonald, seconded by Coun. McPherson, that the treasurer pay R. McFadyen $50 to be expended on 1st. qr. road and James Vanstone $27 for the same road. Moved by Coun. Vanstone, seconded by Coun. McPherson, that the following abatements in taxes be made on account of indigent circumstances: Duncan Smith, lot 3 con. 7, $10.69; Margaret McIntyre, lot 7 con. 9, 80c; P. McGuire, lot 6, con 10, $5 18; Catharine Fraser, lot 20, con. 2, $5.65; Flora McInnes lot 37, N.P.R., $4.56; Ellen Barton, Victoria Road, $2.87; Robert Sanderson, Kirkfield, $2.74; Ann, Cummerford, Kirkfield, $3.64; Elizabeth Marsh, Balsover, $1.59; and the following for statute labor performed: H. Thornbury, $3; P. Morrison, 88. Moved by Coun. McPherson, seconded by Coun. McFadyen, that charity grants be made to Colin McAlpin, $10; Wm. Bryant $25. Moved by Coun. McFadyen, seconded by Coun. McPherson, that Jas. Munro, be paid $2 for right of way to gravel pit for year 1897. Moved by Coun. McDonald, seconded by Coun. McFadyen, that the treasurer be instructed to pay the following accounts:

	Twp. Rate	Levy
No. 1	$150 00	$199 36
No. 1 (Union)		320 31
No. 2	150 00	181 29
No. 2 (Union)	132 00	97 96
No. 3	150 00	233 76
No. 4	150 00	236 66
No. 5	150 00	248 66
No. 6	150 00	165 66
No. 7	150 00	138 98
No. 9	250 00	600 67
No. 9 (Union)	52 50	87 93
No. 10 (Union)		21 45

Moved by Coun. McFadyen, seconded by Coun. McPherson, a by-law appointing officers and places for holding the municipal elections for 1898. Moved by Coun. McDonald, seconded by Coun. Vanstone, that Ann. Carmichael be granted $5 to be expended by Coun. McFadyen for wood. Moved by Coun McDonald, seconded by Coun. McFadyen, that $12 be given to assist John McFadyen to open ditch crossing his farm from 3rd con. Moved by Coun McDonald, seconded by Coun. McPherson, that the following salaries be paid:

D. Jackson, sessional allowance and commissions	$18 00
Colin McDonald, allowance and commission	33 60
D. McPherson, allowance and commission	31 05
Ron. McFadyen, allowance and commission	32 45
James Vanstone, allowance and commission	36 40
Jno. A. Jackson, salary as clerk and treasurer	300 00
Dr. John F. Ross, M.H.O. salary	20 00

The council then adjourned.

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