

WINTER.

Winter is coming with its stinging blast, And three months here it is billed to last. The boys will get out their skates and sleighs, And then the time will pass away.

The river will have a surface of ice, And it will be so glossy and nice. We will skate as long as there is ice on top, For this jolly enjoyment will never stop.

But best of all is the toboggan slide, The tobogganists down, down they glide, And the bottom is reached without your death, All is well, only a little short of breath.

Some boys like a good hill ride, Where it's so slippery the sleigh will slide Down to the bottom, and so, Since you left not a thing you know.

-R. B. PEARSON.

LOCAL NEWS-LETTERS

REABORO.

Special to the Watchman.

CHEESE MEETING.—A meeting of the patrons of the Reaboro cheese factory will be held on Friday, December 1st, at 6 o'clock, p.m., when a full report of the season's work will be submitted. A full attendance is requested.

OAKWOOD.

Special to the Watchman.

CHOSEN FRIENDS.—On Sunday week, Nov. 12th, the order of Chosen Friends, some forty in number, attended divine service in the Methodist church. The pastor, Rev. John Webster, delivered an excellent discourse. This lodge is not only increasing in usefulness, but is also increasing in numbers. At the last meeting one new candidate was duly initiated.

MANILLA.

Special to the Watchman.

ENTERTAINMENT.—The Mechanics' Institute, of this place, purpose holding their annual entertainment in the Methodist church, on Friday evening, Nov. 24th. The entertainment comprises stereopticon views of the White City and other beautiful scenery, by Mr. Wm. Stevens, B.A.; club swinging, by the Columbian club; marching, etc.; quartettes, and speeches by the Rev. Mr. Power and others. Miss Edith Byles, elocutionist, will be present and favor the audience with some favorite selections. Everybody should remember the date and fail not to attend.

PONTYPOOL.

STILL MISSING.—The body of Jos. Douglas was found in the Moon River near Pary Sound has not been found yet. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the entire community.

A SAD CASE.—Mr. William Gibson, formerly of Pontypool, and who is now in the general hospital, Toronto, is slowly recovering after having a leg and arm amputated which was necessitated by being thrown on to the railroad track by a runaway horse near Brampton.

I. O. O. F.—Our I. O. O. F. Lodge is growing in number. Three applications for membership were received at the last meeting.

MOUNT HOREB.

Special to the Watchman.

FINE STOCK.—Mr. Wm. Elliott, of Mount Horeb, recently purchased a Yorkshire white boar, which is a rattling fine animal and which will prove of great practical benefit to our farmers. See what Mr. Geo. Matthews, the Lindsay pork packer, says in last week's WATCHMAN about the Yorkshire. Mr. Elliott has also some fine horses, including a fast roadster, sired by Phil Rysdyk, dam by Valentine, 2.32. This fellow should move fast.

JANETVILLE.

Special to the Watchman.

CREDIT SALE.—Many people in this locality will regret to learn that Mr. Jas. Armstrong has decided to remove to Manitoba. With this end in view he has given instructions to our enterprising auctioneer, Mr. Jas. H. Wilson, to dispose of all his farm stock and implements, on Thursday, Nov. 30th. The list includes a number of head of good live stock, together with all implements (nearly new). Here is a chance for bargains, and you should attend. Sale at one o'clock, and without reserve.

ACCIDENT.—Mr. Clifford, the new proprietor of the flouring mills here, while putting up some new machinery, met with an accident a few days ago. While placing some shafting one of the pulleys fell across the back of the hand and inflicted severe wounds. It was a very narrow escape, as his hand and fingers might have been broken. Everyone here hopes to see Mr. Clifford make the Janetville mills a success. He is really a good miller, and from his past career at Kirkfield, and other points, we are confident that he will succeed.

CAMBARY.

Special to the Watchman.

ORBITARY.—Once more has the relentless reaper garnered one of our number to the realms of his silent city, taking from amongst us Miss Maud Cowieson, youngest daughter of Mr. Alex. Cowieson, on Monday morning last. She had been slightly ailing for about a week, but there were not the slightest fears entertained regarding her recovery until the morning of her death. It seems that sometime during Sunday night she became rather worse, but her parents did not feel alarmed until Monday morning, when their worst fears were soon realized, as she passed away about eleven o'clock. Her death was a shock to the community in general, but especially so to the girls of the school where she was attending. Taken away just when she was entering the portals of womanhood, when life was looking most enticing; when young friendships were most fervent; makes her death inexpressibly sad. It is needless to say that the bereaved parents and sisters have the unbounded sympathy

of the entire neighborhood. The funeral on Wednesday was largely attended, the body being taken to the Presbyterian church, where the Rev. Mr. Johnston preached the memorial sermon, after which the funeral proceeded to the Eden cemetery.

CHURCH NOTES.—The Rev. J. C. Ash having been removed by the committee of the church for certain "in-discretions," a young man from the college has been placed in charge of the circuit for the balance of the conference year. We trust that Mr. Anderson will be successful in helping the cause and have an agreeable season amongst us. . . . While writing about church matters we would like to draw attention to a very bad habit some persons have, and that is in taking positions at the outside ends of the long seats, and compelling later arrivals to crowd past them. This is in very bad taste—they should either move over or else rise and step on and let the others pass into the middle of the seat. We hope we have seen the last of this.

KIRKFIELD.

Special to The Watchman.

POISONING.—Some fiend has been recklessly scattering strychnine through our village and as a result fifteen or eighteen dogs have been poisoned, as well as a large number of hens, birds, etc. This has been going on for the past six weeks and people are becoming alarmed that their cattle, or even their children, may accidentally get this poison. We are surprised that the authorities do not place a detective on the case to try and find out the guilty party and give him what he richly deserves. Suspicion has at last rested on one party who will in future be carefully watched.

THANKS.—The pupils of the Kirkfield public school wish to express their thanks to the Rev. Father Bretherton, of Victoria Road, for the kind present of a bag of apples sent them on Hallow'e'en.

APPOINTED.—Mr. E. Mosgrove has been appointed commissioner to the court of Queen's Bench for the County of Victoria.

BUSY MARKET.—We have one of the best grain markets of any village in the province. Farmers for miles in all directions have been hauling grain here since early fall, and all unite in saying that our popular grain buyer, Mr. Alex. McKenzie, pays the highest price that can be got.

OMEMEE.

Special to the Watchman.

KICKING.—The foot ball club have commenced to adjust their accounts after the "Emma Wells" engagement. There was too much of a rush, and they got knocked out for a considerable amount.

FAIR BEEF.—Hunter Lamb the "butcher" is busy hunting up Christmas beef already. Look out for something especially fine, and he has many a good days work done before other "dudes" are out of their peaceful slumbers.

BAKERS.—What we eat is worth seeing and inspecting. You have only to visit any of our bakeries and see how cleanly and systematically they are run. T. A. McPherson the founder and trainer of those in charge of such important industries can well be proud of his men.

WATER WHEEL.—Capt. Evans has about completed the flume, and will shortly place the water wheel. It has proved a very heavy job.

TRAPPING AND HUNTING.—Some of our local trappers have captured a large lot of muskrat, mink and racoon. . . . George English and son, Thomas Laidley and Thomas Magee returned after having a successful hunt in the vicinity of Haliburton, capturing about eight deer.

ENTERTAINMENTS.—The Bethel Church anniversary services were very successful Sunday and Monday. Besides the local ministers the choir and many of our citizens attended. The Methodists and Presbyterians are busy arranging for their holiday entertainment. Particulars will shortly appear.

POWLES' CORNERS.

THE PATRONS.—The Patrons of Industry have received their first consignment of groceries from a wholesale house in Toronto and have also received goods from the Farmers Harness Supply Co. in Toronto.

CHEESE FACTORY.—We learn that some of the members of the Patrons of Industry have taken shares in the Cameron cheese factory, which will be built next season by the patrons.

FINE WEATHER.—If the farmers had known of the beautiful weather that was in store the time could have been extended for taking up the turnip crop, which would have been larger.

HOME AGAIN.—Mr. Dougal Swain, who went to the North-west last spring, has returned and gives a very hard account of it. He says he never saw as much poverty in his life before, and his advice to those here who have any kind of a home is to remain where they are.

VANDALISM.—Some one full of cursedness and evil, one Sabbath day during service not very long ago nearly destroyed the lines on Mr. James Wager's horses in the shed. There are a few boys that call themselves men and sit in top buggies during the time of service smoking and chewing tobacco.

MINDEN.

PERSONAL.—Mr. John Jones, who has been superintending the work of fitting up the new roller mill machinery in Workman, Stinson & Sons mill, in this place, has completed the job, and left for home on Wednesday last. . . . Mr. D. Sinclair, of Coldwater, formerly of Minden, has been visiting his friends here the past few days, during which time he inspected the new machinery in Workman, Stinson & Sons new roller mill, and pronounces it first-class.

DIPHTHERIA.—Mr. Alex. Anderson, of Ingoldsby, lost a son about 10 years of age, on Wednesday last, from diphtheria, his daughter who taught school at Bat lake, Minden township, is now also prostrated with the disease. Since the above was put in type we have been informed that two more members of the same family

have died from this terrible disease. Mary formerly teacher at Bat Lake school, and an elder sister, Ann Jane; another sister, teacher at Niven's school, Dysart, is reported ill with the same disease and it has also appeared in several other families in that locality.

NEW ROLLER MILL.—The Minden roller mill is now completed and in first-class working order; its capacity is 50 bbls. a day, and it is guaranteed by the builders to turn out an A. 1 quality of flour. It has been tested by milling experts and pronounced satisfactory. The new mill will make only one grade of flour, and that will be first-class, so that all who patronize it can depend upon getting good flour, and the matter of yield will depend largely upon the quality of wheat delivered and the manner in which it has been cleaned. A recognized scale has been established for yield of flour, the old tool system having been done away with in roller mills.

CANNINGTON.

Special to the Watchman.

CHURCH NOTES.—The Rev. B. Geatrix, occupied the pulpit at Cannington and Derryville, on Sunday last, in the Methodist church. He delivered powerful discourses to highly appreciative audiences in both places.

FENELON FALLS.

Special to the Watchman.

ELECTRIC LIGHT.—A representative of the Royal Electric Light Co., has been here during the past week and had about arranged to supply our village with an electric light service. The Messrs. Hawley & Son, who are about purchasing the Smith property, make a still better offer, giving the light at court in lieu of certain municipal privileges.

NORLAND.

BROKE HIS LEG.—Mr. Samuel Routley, of Norland, who was driving a team in Mr. John Coburn's lumber camp, Anson, had his leg broken between the knee and the ankle, by a log rolling upon the limb, he was carried out from the camp by his companions to the Scotch Line, and conveyed there on a stretcher to Terry's hotel, Minden, and remained there until Saturday last, when he was sent home. Dr. White, of Toronto, who was hunting in that locality, reduced the fracture, and set the limb in plaster, so that he could be moved home. Mr. Coburn was looking after Mr. Routley's comfort personally. (Echo.)

BOBCAYGEON.

NEVER TOO LATE.—Years are nothing while the heart keeps young. Seventy-two is certainly not too young, and yet evidently young enough for marrying, as Mrs. Flannigan, of Nogeys Creek, testified last week by launching upon her third venture in connubial felicity. The heart ever beats responsive as long as it has a kick.

ON A RUSH.—The tow boats are getting on a rush to finish the season's work. Four boats with strings of scows were on the lower lakes on Wednesday. Some of the boatmen expect navigation to be open till the end of next week, others think this week will see the finish with scow others give the 29th of the last day. You can take your choice on this counter, free of charge. Help yourself and come again. (Independent.)

CROSS CREEKS.

Special to the Watchman.

CROSS CREEKS BRIDGE.—For many years it has been well known that the bridge over the Cross Creeks was in a very unsafe condition, and it is a wonder that no serious accident has been recorded. It has not only been unsafe, but it has been a continuous drain financially on the ratepayers. The amount which has been collected for taxes each year in this vicinity has been swallowed up in repairs to this old structure, instead of going to improve the roads, etc. The present council decided to take some action in this matter, and on the 17th instant visited the old bridge. The necessity for a new one was mutually agreed upon, and they proceeded to look over the different locations, with a view to securing a site which would be just as convenient to the school and no further from the county town. It was finally decided that a road running east and west through the centre of lot 8, could be constructed for at least one third less than the amount that other locations would cost, and the bridge would not exceed eight rods in length. This would mean a great saving every year in repairs, while we think the site selected is the most feasible, it should not be forgotten that the land right here is low and flat, and that considerable filling in will be necessary for the approaches to the bridge in order that they will be above high water mark in the spring season—which will be found to be four or five feet higher than at the present time. The council are to be commended for their action in this bridge and the interest they manifest in the ratepayers of this locality.

A PUBLIC QUESTION.—Some of our worthy ratepayers are asking, in view of the proposed change in the bridge, if it would not be possible for the Silver-haired Knight of the Scoggo—or some other knight to take immediate steps to see what could be done in the way of purchasing, or buying out, the water privileges at Lindsay. If this scheme were carried out there would be no necessity for expensive bridges, and the necessary outlay for continuous repairs. The taxable land of the township would be greatly increased, and the assessment of the municipality advanced by at least \$20,000, and possibly double that amount. The benefits to all the townships concerned would more than compensate for any expenditure that would be made to secure the desired end. Who will be the first to move in this matter.

VALENTIA.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES.—The annual Thanksgiving services were preached here last Sunday by the Rev. Mr. Totten, of Cannington. His discourse during the services of the day was very interesting and we trust beneficial to those who had the pleasure of hearing him. We understand Mr. Totten is about to go to Lindsay and it is the wish of his many friends at Valentia that wherever his lot may be cast that his labors may be crowned with success.

BASKET SOCIAL.—The Orangemen of this place intend holding a basket-social on the 12th of December, and we learn the best of talent is being secured a large crowd is expected and a good time is anticipated. For further particulars see programme sheets.

REMOVED.—Mr. Humphrey, of the village, has moved to Ireland where he is engaged as foreman on a large farm.

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