

Some Work Which Will be Done on Trent Canal During Winter

The Lift Lock at Kirkfield Formally Taken Over—Stony Lake Claims for High Water Settled—New Dam at Gooderham.

During the winter considerable work will be carried out on the Trent Canal system, which will give employment to a number of men. A new wooden dam will be built at Norland, seven miles up the Trent river from Cobocook; it will result in raising the water in the Gall river, and conserving the high level. The dam will replace an old one and will be seven feet high. The work will be carried out by Mr. George Littleton, under the direction of Overseer Samuel Clegg, and about fifteen men will be employed all winter long.

NEW GATES AT BUCKHORN

Cement, gravel, sand, timber and other supplies are being conveyed to Buckhorn, where new lock gates with the latest modern opening apparatus will be installed. About 20 men will be employed and the work will be in charge of Mr. Alex. Richardson, under the direction of Mr. Clement Gordon, overseer.

DAM COMPLETED

The new dam at Gooderham on the Burrat river, was completed last week. It is a concrete structure on the site of the old wooden dam, but is considerably higher than the

wooden one. The cost of the new structure is \$3,500, and a fine job has been done, under Mr. Alex Richardson.

LIFT LOCK TAKEN OVER

Supt. J. H. McClelland was in Kirkfield New Year's day, where the lift lock was accepted from the contractors, the Dominion Bridge Co., as a finished work, and handed by them to the canal officials. The administration and control of the lift lock at Kirkfield will henceforth be under the direction of Mr. McClelland.

Mr. L. Sherwood was the engineer in charge of the work at Kirkfield, under the direction of Mr. A. J. Grant, superintending engineer.

CLAIMS SETTLED

It is understood that the Stony Lake cottagers, who have claims against the department of railways and canals by reason of the high water, have been settled with, or at least a majority of them have. It is learned that about thirty have agreed to accept certain sums—in many instances smaller than the original claims put in—and the outlay from adjusting the damage done by high water was about \$4,500. This is considered a very satisfactory settlement.

'Stroller' Stirs Up A Quebec Writer

Denies the Statement That Mass Was Offered for Bourassa's Success.

Several weeks ago "Stroller" in his column, had occasion to refer to the Bourassa-Turgeon election in Quebec, and quoted a newspaper item to the effect that the priest of a certain church has offered mass for Bourassa's election.

The statement has aroused the ire of a Post subscriber in Sherbrooke, Que. He writes as follows: "Stroller" is quite a contributor, and some of his matter is quite interesting. I noticed recently, a comment on Bourassa, ex-M.P., of La Belle. As you know, it is the policy of the narrow-minded press of Ontario, particularly, to always mix the church up, to its disadvantage, in politics, patriotism, etc.

"Now, as regards Bourassa's recent contest, and previous speeches, there was a lot of rot in the papers about priests saying mass for Bourassa's intention, etc., etc. Toronto papers and others, of course made much of this, and hence these false opinions swallowed by "Stroller" and others.

"As regards the Bourassa incident in the recent election and charges preferred against the church, the facts are these: The customs in this province are different in many ways from Ontario. The population is almost all Catholic, therefore there are Catholic churches everywhere. Now, one custom is, when sheriffs' sales, public sales, political meetings, or events of any kind, are to take place, they are always announced at the most convenient Catholic church in the interested section. There is not a week goes by but what these events take place all over, and Sunday is the general day of announcement, as then all the people come to mass, hence greater publicity. This service is performed for Protestants as well as Catholics.

"In the Bourassa case, he did as any other official or politician would do, and does do—arranged a meeting, notified the priest of the parish, the announcement was made, and that was all there was to it.

"Of course, I remember at the time seeing on a Montreal paper how Bourassa had had a mass said, etc. The Western and Catholic papers copied it with big headlines, but they took good care not to copy the statement given out after by Bourassa, and others refuting the charge re masses, etc., as the thing had become ridiculous. This was the only connection either Bourassa or Turgeon had with the church service."

"Apart from his remarks of this kind, and an occasional hit at the Irish, "Stroller's" comments are good. Bourassa, in this province by both parties is considered a hot-head, but he is also a clever and educated man, as has been proven."



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Said Farewell to Linden Valley Friends Present Her With Writing Desk and Bookcase.

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Evening Post of Jan. 3rd
Last Friday evening the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Rogers was the scene of an immense gathering, consisting of the parents and children of school section No. 6, Mariposa, who had met for the purpose of bidding farewell to Miss Coplestone, who was severing her connection with the school, she having taught here for the past eight years. After a program consisting of readings, recitations, dialogues, vocal and instrumental music, Miss E. Cullis stepped forward and read the following address, Miss G. Birchard making the presentation of a handsome polished oak writing desk and bookcase combined.

Dear Friend and Teacher,—We, your scholars and friends, have met here to-night to express to you our appreciation and gratitude for your untiring zeal as a teacher in aiding us in our studies. We know you have had our best interests at heart. Every scholar individually and collectively, not only as a school teacher but as a person, we have learned lessons, the imprint of which will ever remain in our lives. We realize there is nothing that we can say or do that will convey to you our feelings at this time in bidding you farewell as our teacher and friend, but we would ask you to accept this bookcase as a slight remembrance of our love for you and to show our appreciation, and hope it will be a reminder of the happy hours we have spent together.

Wishing you very much happiness in your new sphere of life, and may God's blessings ever rest upon you and yours is the prayer of your scholars and friends in Linden Valley.

Although taken by surprise, Miss Coplestone made a suitable reply, thanking them for the gift and for all their kindnesses to her while in the section. The trustees expressed their satisfaction in the work she had done and in her methods of teaching. The older scholars and those who had graduated from her school spoke feelingly of their affection for her as a teacher.

After a dainty lunch was served, provided by the ladies, and the thanks of the party were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, they sang "God be with you," and dispersed to their homes.

MEMORIES.

You die, old year! your sun is set; Your knell tolls in the midnight sky. Why linger o'er you with regret, Why watch your passing with a sigh?

You cover with your funeral pall Dear joys that cannot come again; You take fond hopes, dreams, pleasures—all.

But, ah, the memories that remain! —George Herbert Clark, in the Canadian Magazine.

Ocular Illusion.

(Chicago Tribune)
"What town is that a few miles to the north?" shouted the aeronaut, leaning over the edge of the basket.

"Chkosh!" yelled the agriculturist over whose farm the balloon was passing.

"What?"
"Chkosh!"
"What did he say?" asked the aeronaut's companion.
"He didn't say anything. He swore at me."



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Newsy Letter From Raeburn, Manitoba

Country Roundabout Has Been Settled for About Thirty Years.

(To The Editor of The Post.)
Sir,—You will find enclosed \$1.25 for The Post and Weekly Globe for 1908. The Post is a welcome letter every week—we like to get the news from Lindsay and country around. Raeburn is about eighty miles from Winnipeg, on the main line of the C. N. R. The town is made up of one store, post office, grain elevator, and a siding for loading grain, and a few plank or some old ties to form a platform for passengers to get on and off the trains—a disgrace to any community. This part of Manitoba has been settled for thirty years. It is not a clean prairie, being mixed with scrub. The land is good—not so heavy as Portage Plains or the Red River Valley; it is a good deal easier to work and grew a good crop this past season. The spring was very late and cold. The first wheat sown here was on the 12th of May, and after that we could work only half time for a week. The wheat in this part turned about 20 bushels per acre, oats and barley were a good crop. We had no hail or frost—it froze up here on the 12th of November; no plowing after that date, but the weather has been fine. On the 26th inst. we had 20 degs. below, that has been the coldest up to the present time. We have no snow of any account. Any teaming has to be on the wagon. I may say more about the country some other time. Wishing you a happy New Year.

ALFRED LAKE, Raeburn, Man., Dec. 29th.

They Honored Friend of Old West Ops Citizen Presented With a Handsome Easy Chair.

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On Christmas Eve the neighbors of John B. Graham, esq., assembled at his home, West Ops, to express their sorrow at his leaving his old home to take up residence in Lindsay.

Mr. Samuel Wright read the following address, and Mr. Herbert Gramam presented Mr. Graham with a beautifully upholstered Morris chair.

To John B. Graham, esq., chairman of settlement, Ops:
Dear Mr. Graham,—On behalf of your many neighbors, some of whom have been associated with you since childhood, it is our desire to express to you the deep feelings of regret experienced by us at your removal, and our ardent to reside in Lindsay.

For three score years you have resided in the locality where you were born in your boyhood, youth and mature years you have ever been characterized by that vigor and sterling manhood and adherence to principle which, inherited from your splendid ancestors, has so greatly assisted in moulding along right lines those with whom you have been associated.

Ever foremost in all good works, ever firm in your adherence to the right; always kindly considerate toward others, you have won a place among us which cannot be filled. It is our sincere and earnest wish that your remaining days, and let us hope they may be many, may be passed in the enjoyment of that comfort and rest which your hard labor has so richly earned. To assist towards that object we respectfully ask you to accept as a slight token of our regard for you, this easy chair. Permit us to hope that you may long be spared to enjoy pleasant hours therein.

On behalf of the neighbors and friends: 24th Dec., 1907.
Mr. Graham, though completely taken by surprise, made a very feeling reply, and thanked his friends for their kindness. After enjoying an oyster supper, they departed.

Badly Bitten By Vicious Bull-dog

Young Lad Attacked and Mangled Wednesday of Last Week.

Evening Post of Jan. 2.

Percy, the ten year old son of Mr. Jerry Sheehan, had a shocking experience last evening, as a result of which he lies in bed under medical care, and may have to remain there for several weeks.

With a couple of companions Percy was passing down Ridout-st. about 8.50 o'clock, and when opposite Dr. Blanchard's residence they heard his bulldog in the yard. Being afraid of him, the lads began to run, but the animal managed to pin Percy by the coat-tail, and he was thrown to the ground. Immediately the brute began to worry the lad, who struggled to his feet only to be again thrown, the dog having leaped for the face and fastened his fangs in the boy's lip. Fortunately the second fall broke the beast's hold, and the lad, who seemed to have retained some presence of mind, lay quiet, striving to protect his face from the ravaging beast. He was dreadfully bitten, and if help had not been summoned by his piercing shrieks, before the beast fastened upon his throat, a fatal tragedy might have been the result.

The lad was rescued by Mr. Frank Forbert and Mr. McLean, neighbors, who found it a difficult task to drive the dog away from his victim. The boy was driven home by Mrs. Forbert.

Chief Vincent is taking steps to have the dog destroyed. An action for damages may also follow.

The Gooderham Stabbing Affray

Injured Man Out of Hospital—Assailant to Ask for Speedy Trial.

Evening Post of Jan. 2.

Roland Madill, the young man who was stabbed at Gooderham on Christmas eve, has made a rapid recovery, the wound in the lung fortunately turning out to be less serious than at first anticipated.

Jos. Morrison, who is said to have inflicted the injuries received by Madill, is still confined in Castle Jackson, but his solicitors, Messrs. McDiarmid & Weeks, intend to press for a speedy trial, before Judge Harding, and will ask that the accused be allowed out on bail in the interval.

Madill's wounds were inflicted with a common tommy knife, it is said, and were not at all dangerous. It looks as if the affair was but the culmination of a common brawl engendered by Christmas cheer. Morrison did not escape unscathed—he bears the marks of some severe handling.

Ice Skating vs. Roller Gliding

Capt. Jos. Parkin Again in Charge of Lindsay-st. Rink.

Evening Post of Jan. 2.

Manager Sheridan was busy today packing up the roller skates for removal to Midland, where he has another rink. Mr. Geo. Coombs started making ice on the floor last night, and to-day had a thin coating all over the rink. It will be a day or two, however, before skaters will be allowed on.

It will be news to many, that Mr. Sheridan, who has the Lindsay rink under lease, has decided to sub-let to Capt. Jos. Parkin for the ice skating season, for the reason that the Midland end will occupy his full time. Capt. Parkin, who took possession last night, is experienced in the management of ice rinks. The "old reliable" George Coombs, will, of course, be retained as manager.

Lady Aberdeen Sends Greetings

Christmas Message From the Vice-Regal Lodge in Ireland.

The Countess of Aberdeen, who is Advisory President of the National Council of Women of Canada still remembers the Sisterhood, and annually sends to the officers of each Local Council a memento of love and friendship.

We have been shown by an officer of the Local Council, a very neat and interesting Christmas card bearing the following lines:
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FARM NOTES

THE SMALL YIELD COW.

Dairying in the United States is depressed by one element that must forever stand in the way to block the dairymen from success. That element is the small-yield cow that costs \$40 or \$50 a year for keep, and returns her owner \$25 to \$35 for milk. Many a milk producer, with a herd of 30 such cows, representing an investment of \$1000 or \$1200, is losing money regularly, and must lose as long as he insists on operating with such cows. He can invest his \$1200 in, say, 12 cows that cost \$100 apiece, and these cows will give him more milk than his 30 scrubs give him. He would save the feed of 18 cows, with all the hard labor and other costs of their keep, and he would be in the way to make money. There is in sight no change in farm and market conditions that promises ever to put a profit into dairying carried on with cows that average 1000 1500 quarts of milk milk per head per year, and producers may as well open their eyes to this truth. The proposition to make milk with such cows is an absurdity, because it is proved beyond all possibility of doubt that they put more money in to their milk than they can hope ever to get out of it when it is sold in the market. The student of milk production is surprised every day to observe what a large number of herds he will find that averages less than 1800 quarts of milk per head per year. The owners of these herds say that they "cannot afford better cows." The truth is that they cannot "afford" these cows. One correspondent says that last summer, in a tour of over 300 so-called "dairy farms," he found less than 20 herds whose average yield was large enough to bring the cost of production inside of the net returns from their milk sold at the average price of the year. The twenty who owned those herds were making money. The other 180 owners were losing money on their small-yield herds. The lesson is plain. The conclusion is inevitable.—New York Farmer.

THE DRAINING INCREASES.
The work that began two years ago at the Guelph College, towards assisting farmers in the draining of their lands, has filled a decided want. An extra man had to be added to the staff last winter, and now the work has grown to be so popular that more men are urgently needed.

Mr. W. H. Day, B.A., who has the work in charge, says, in reviewing the year's work:

"We have been surprised to learn that we have laid our drains of greater or less extent on one hundred and fifteen farms during the present summer and that some fifty applications could not be attended to."

Wherever the work of the department has been called, satisfaction has been the result, and in many cases more calls in the immediate neighborhood are extended. It is a well-known fact that many farms are rendered sufficiently unproductive by the lack of drainage. The getting in of the drains means all the difference between success and failure on many a farm. In many places, the drain has paid for itself in one year, in the extra crop harvested from the ground.

The department have filled a want in many a farm. Their work costs the farmer very little in immediate outlay and their reports are accurate.

It is gratifying to the lovers of agricultural education that the attendance at Guelph this year is bigger than ever before. The freshman class numbers one hundred and fifteen. The MacDonald Institute is full to overflowing.

PROFITS FROM ALFALFA
Here is what one farmer—Rude Asper—did with thirteen acres of alfalfa on the D. F. Deek farm: The thirteen acres averaged five bushels to the acre, or a total of 65 bushels. This he sold at \$8 a bushel, or \$520. Besides this, he sold the hay for \$50, realizing \$570 out of thirteen acres, or a little better than \$43 an acre. This in itself is remarkable, but when it is remembered that this was done by Rude Asper, who admits that he is the poorest farmer in Ontario County, is little less than miraculous. If the entire 160 acres contained in this farm were sown in alfalfa and made such a yield, the value of the crop would be \$6,880.—Downs News.

STORING DAHLIA ROOTS.
Dahlia roots may be stored in a cellar much the same as potatoes, says Prof. Hutt. It is a good plan when digging up the roots in the fall to leave a quantity of earth adhering to them, and to place the roots in a dry place where the earth dries out gradually. If they are stored in a cellar with an earth floor, the soil will likely retain all the moisture necessary to keep the tubers fresh, but if stored on a cement floor or in any place where they do not come into contact with the earth, there is a danger of the roots drying out too much. In such cases it may be necessary to moisten them once or twice during the winter. In storing roots of any kind, it is advisable to have the cellar so arranged that it can be ventilated from

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Big Bill of Costs Faces the County
Equalization of the Assessment an Expensive Luxury.
His Honor Judge Harding has handed out his decision in equalization of the assessment of the various municipalities composing the county. His Honor's report is a very voluminous document. It is altogether too bad that the County could not have been saved the expense resulting from this investigation. No detailed statement of the expense connected therewith is obtainable as yet, but competent authorities estimate the cost to the County to be upwards of \$64,000. Judge Harding's fee for holding the investigation amounts to over \$700; Messrs. McDiarmid & Weeks, solicitors for the County, will have a bill amounting to approximately \$1700, while the stenographer's bill will amount to about \$300.

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