

An ashery was on the lot next to where Mrs. W. R. Thompson resides. The large quantities of ashes in the country as the result of burning the bush in clearing up the land, afforded an ample supply. The manufactured product was called pearl ash. P. B. Brown had another ashery about the site of the stables at Case's mill, where Robert McKee carried the process a step further and made potash. The stores had store-houses attached, and took in grain and pork in payment for goods. These in turn were hauled to Seaforth and Clinton, the nearest railroad points.

The "Newsboy" was published in 1867 —our first paper. It appeared every other week, and from a perusal of many old copies we find the contents were made up principally of advertisements and reports of council meetings. It would appear that everyone advertised at that time. From the issue of January 22nd., 1868, we learn that a Festival was held in the new stone school house on January 9th. This fine building had been completed in 1867, and was the workmanship of Messrs. Sam Kirkland and Alex McDonald. At this festival, \$56.50 was realized; \$27 was set aside for a bell, and the remainder to purchase maps for the school.

In 1867, Dr. John Gillies came to Teeswater. He practiced his profession for 38 years. In 1868, he opened a drug store in the building now occupied by James Hughes. A short time before this two other hotels had been erected. One called the 'Great Eastern' stood where Mrs. Million's house now stands and was run by William Dowdell. It was not there very long, being burned. The other, the 'Wilson House'; was the building next to G. T. Redburn's. It was also called by some 'The Cobbler's Inn'. James Fraser who had been making plows down on the farm now occupied by David McIntyre, moved in, in 1868, and started the foundry, which he had running in full blast in 1869. It was a frame building and stood on the site of the present one.

Moore and Fletcher had a chair factory on the site of the present saw mill. They were unfortunately burned out, and left town shortly afterwards.

The first woollen mill here was opened in 1868. The

mill was situated on the Muskrat creek, and was run by a man named Walker.

The "Newsboy" of March 19, 1869, had an 'ad' asking for tenders for the erection of a Township Hall. Two tenders were received: A. Little, \$1750, and S. & A. Kirk'and, \$1654. The latter received the contract.

At the same time the Council decided to ask P. B. Brown to give the title to land on which the Town Hall stands. At the next meeting the Council received the title deed to Edmund Square from both Mr. Brown and Alex Gibson. This land had previously been set aside by these gentlemen for a Square, but no deeds had been given.

On June 25, 1869, a meeting was called for July 2, to discuss the prospect of getting a railway into Teeswater. The meeting was well attended. T. H. Scholes occupied the chair, and George McKibbon acted as Secretary. The W. G. & B. Railway project was roundly denounced, as this section although asked to vote it money, would not have any railroad. The meeting advocated getting the T. G. & B. Railway to run in here. Among the speakers at this meeting were Dr. Fleming, George McKibbon, and Allan McLean. From then until the railway came, on Nov. 16, '74, it was the chief matter in the public eye. Culross voted a bonus of \$38,000 to assist the T. G. and B. Railway to enter this part of Bruce. The certainty of the railroad coming tended to stimulate the growth of the village, because the people now saw a solution to their transportation difficulties.

After M. Hadwen gave up the Post Office it was conducted

The Teeswater News Boy was published fortnightly from Nov. 8th, 1867, until the end of the year 1873, and it was on Jan. 14 1874 the first issue of the Weekly News appeared under G. T. Hagyard manager, and Thos. Fairbairn proprietor. The following are a few of the many complimentary press exchanges from all over the province. The Globe: "A new Reform paper has started in Teeswater called the News. It is neatly printed and follows the discontinuance of the News Boy". Port Elgin Free Press: "The News is the name of a six-column paper started in Teeswater which will make the tenth in the County of Bruce. The paper is creditably got up and will doubtless prove an acquisition to the village." Orillia Times: "The News is Reform in politics, has a neat appearance and is conducted with considerable ability and enterprise." Ontario Chronicle: "Among the latest additions to our exchange list are the Teeswater News, the Wingham Times and the Bolton News, all of which are ably edited." Brantford Expositor: "We received the first number of a new weekly paper the Teeswater News. In politics its adherence will not be doubtful for the proprietor, Mr. Fairbairn, belongs

to an old Reform family."

The paper started with twelve columns of advertising matter and about 1,000 sample copies of the first three issues were sent out each week to every household in Culross and adjacent townships. Heading a column "Teeswater Directory", are the Post Office regulations issued by S. Waldo, Post Master: "Office opens 7 o'clock a.m., and closes at 8 p.m." Arrivals and departure, of all stages and mails between Wingham and Clinton, Riverdale, Kincardine and Walkerton. From the church cards we note there were two Presbyterian Churches under the pastorage of Rev. D. Wardrope in the brick church, and Rev. P. Curry in the old church where there were two services: English at 11 o'clock and Gaelic at 1 p.m. The Episcopal Methodist Church under the pastorage of Rev. J. W. Moore, were temporarily meeting in the Orange Hall in the morning and the Town Hall in the evening. The Rev. J. Laird was pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist congregation.

Under the heading of Societies the following appear: Bible Society, President Thos. Fairbairn, Sec'y John Oliver; Tract Society, President Geo. McKibbon, Sec'y John Oliver; A. F. & M., W. M. H. G. O'Donnor, Sec'y W. Midford; I. O. O. F., W. M. M. McNeill, Sec'y W. Watson; Sons of Temperance, J. K. McLean, Sec'y J. O'Donnor; Ontario Agricultural Society, President Thos. Weir, Sec'y John Hettie; Curtin Club, President A. O'Donnor, Sec'y John Hettie; Dramatic Troupe, W. M. H. G. O'Donnor, Sec'y W. Watson; S. G. A. M., Sec'y A. O'Donnor, Sec'y T. Fairbairn;

The Township officers were: Reeve, Geo. McKibbon; Deputy Reeve, W. Scott; Councillors, A. Shoemaker, Jas. Fraser, Peter Clark; Clerk, John Marshall; Treas., Wm. Colvin.

School Trustees for the village were W. McKague, J. K. McLean and Dr. Gillies. The principal was James Haverson and the assistant Miss E. Haggarty.

No. 8 Co., 32nd Battalion, at that time had for its officers: Capt. Arch. G. H. S.; Lieut. T. Fairbairn; Ensign J. O'ber. The strength of the Company was 50.

Railway—Toronto, Grey and Bruce, going east, trains leave Harriston at 7.30 p.m., returning, arrive at 4.35 p.m.

A monthly cattle fair was held on the second Tuesday of each month. Full reports of the Commodity Market in Teeswater, Wingham, Walkerton and Clinton appear every week in the News.—All parties wishing to pay their subscriptions for the News in wood or other produce will please bring it along. Post Master Waldo has an ad. enumerating eighteen names of undelivered mail remaining at the P. O. since Dec. 1; new regulations require all letters not called for returned to the Dead Letter Office. There is quite a lot of advertisers and there is a column "Business Cards"—Dr. W. Fleming; A. A. Chesley, Attorney; J. H. Lennox, ornamental painter; W. H. Ross, plasterer; A. Kirkland, builder, etc. There are three ads of the four hotels viz: W. Farquharson's Union Hotel; Geo. Theobald's Kent House, and R. Harrison's Rob Roy. The attention of farmers was called to a meeting in the Town Hall as to the advisability of erecting a cheese factory. The Wesleyan Methodist tea meeting at Williamson's Corners was a huge success. The Ontario Government reduced the marriage license fee from \$6 to \$2. The Rev. D. and Mrs. Wardrope were presented with purple, by the Village Singing Class. The Hon. Edward Blake spoke in Teeswater on Jan. 24th, and a few days later was elected in S. Bruce by a majority of 321. Sir John A. MacDonald was elected in Kingston by a majority of 36. The Militia Department inspected the new drill shed and pronounced it a first-class structure. The building, 40x80 feet was built by A. and R. Little. It stood almost opposite the home of the late Mrs. Wm. Gordon and was blown down in the spring of 1893. The Teeswater Dramatic Troupe gave a grand concert in Wingham to a packed house. This week they appear in Belmore and Lucknow. The T. G. & B. Railway from Orangeville to Owen Sound was completed last Sept. Latest reports on the Teeswater branch is that work has been resumed between Harriston and Wroxeter."

—A. D. Robertson

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