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THE VALLEY ROAD.

It is now ten years since the valley road was first seriously talked of, but only within the past year or so has actual work been commenced upon it. It has now been opened out, and many think that it is, as orignally intended, a suitable outlet for farmers from the north during winter months. This is a mistaken idea. Last week we took occasion to traverse its whole length for the purpose of satisfying ourselves as to the possibility of its meeting the requirements for which it was intended during the coming winter, and must say that we were disagreeably surprised at its condition. On the Euphrasia side it is quite a respectable road either for summer or winter travel. On the Artemesia side of the town line it is the reverse. It is simply impracticable in its present condition. About [redacted] dollars have been spent on this road by the municipality of Artemesia, and it will yet require a large outlay to put it in passable shape. It seems a pity that this large sum of money should remain idle without producing any perceptible return. The road, if completed, would be of the very greatest service to the township, and should be made passable for winter travel as soon as it can be done without straining the township's finances. We would like to have communications from some of our township fathers on the matter, letting the people know what the prospects are for securing easy access to the fertile districts of the Queens Valley. Is the road to be left in its present condition, or is it the intention to complete the work already so far advanced ?

No new developments have been made in the Manitoba railway war.

Latest advices indicate that the Republicans have won the day in the United States, bat the complete returns are wanting.

The recount in the East Northumberland election case has resulted in Dr. Willoughby's majority being increased to eight. It is folly in nearly every case to demand a recount or enter an appeal in election matters. "To him that hath shall be given; and to him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath." Election appeals and recounts are "built that way."

Lord Sackville West, British representative at Washington, has been recalled, which was demanded by the American Government upon the ground that he had written an indiscreet, politically tinted letter to an American elector. If the American Eagle is not afflicted with a bad case of quinsy after this screaming election, it will be lucky for him. The hurricanes which have been blowing through his pin feathers are calculated to make a mighty sick looking bird of him if he don't keep his mouth shut a little more.

A writer in the Markdale Standard of last week indulges in some amusing sneers at our article on Education of two weeks ago. He signs himself "Student." Perhaps the gentleman thinks we do not know who he is. In this he is mightily mistaken. We were looking through the window while he wrote. For the information of the general public we would say that he *is* a student, but only a "freshman" (that is, one of the first year)—and so fresh is he that he has spoiled before attaining the blessings of a higher education, judging by his composition and the appearance of the gentleman. Below we furnish his photograph, taken while he was in the act of writing :

It is exceedingly true to life, with one exception—the ears are not long enough. For this we offer an apology. The bird which you observe coming to his assistance denotes that he is a-ravin'. This is a class of animal with which we do not argue a great deal. Should he care to discard the mask of an ass, and sign his proper name, we might deign to give him a few pointers as to how he may improve his advantages, and, at least, learn the rudiments of the art of composition.

Manitoba.

To the Editor of The Advance.

SIR,—I promised that I would send you an account of my trip to the great North-West. My journey through Manitoba was chiefly confined to the southern portion of it, which is generally considered to be the garden of that province. After a three days' ride from Toronto our excursion party reached Winnipeg and I did not see one farm of cleared land from the time I left Huntsville till I got within thirty miles of East Selkirk, a distance of 1000 miles, over rivers, past lakes, through tunnels, etc.

With regard to the wheat crop, this year it has been a partial failure all over the province, while in some parts it was utterly destroyed with the frost. All the way from Winnipeg to Deloraine, over 200 miles, there were large fields of wheat standing, which were going to be committed to the flames. The frost seemed to favor some of the settlers more than others even in some of the most frozen districts. I knew three farmers who farmed next to one another ; one of them sold his wheat for 93 cents per bushel, the second man realized 55 cents per bushel, and the third man left his uncut. Perhaps the Lord was merciful to the righteous, but if this had been the case my opinion is that ninety per cent, of them would not have been left one stem. The farmers of Manitoba have a different mode of threshing from what we have in Ontario. The thresher hires a full gang of men and thresh the grain for four cents per bushel, the farmers having nothing to provide but the board of the men while working. The removing of the straw from the machine is the most comical part of the threshing business. The straw is allowed to remain at the tail of the machine till a bunch of about six or seven hundred weight has been formed, when there is a stout pole about 16 feet long placed behind it with a horse hitched to each end which slides it out of the way, and as wheat straw is no value there for feed it is left on the prairie to be consumed by the prairie fires. The root and vegetable crop, though greatly impeded by the frost, were immense Manitoba promises to be a great stock raising country, as cattle do well on the prairie in summer and the native grasses can be stacked at a cost of two dollars per ton for winter feed The kind of stabling which is used in Manitoba is generally made out of sod, covered over the top with straw, which makes a very warm stable. I believe that if the farmers of Manitoba get two full crops every three years that they would be ahead of Ontario farmers as far as money matters go, to say nothing of the severity of their winters ; but frost is a yearly inspector to that country. Manitoba has the soil, but it has not the climate.

JAMES F. HUTCHINSON.

An explosion in a French colliery killed 80 miners.

Inisitoge.

Any amount of mud and wet weather.

Mr. J. F. Hutchinson has returned from the North-west.

Hallowenn passed off here rather quietly although some men are reported to have lost ploughs, gates, etc.

The Methodist Quartly meeting in connection with circuit was held in Dundalk last Sabbath.

The Dundalk Herald says that the trustees of the Dundalk public school are advertising for a male head master. "Wonder what is meant." Perhaps we had better keep quiet as a Spurr is sharp.

Mrs. Thos. McQuary is absent visiting friends near Ottawa.

It is rumored around here to the effect that it was the Inistioge correspondent that sent in the fuformation about the ghost story, which is exciting Inistioge so badly. Well, for the information of those who do not know I will say that the Inistioge correspondent had nothing to do with the sending in of the information. When the Inistoge Correspondent sends newsy items she generally sends the trtuh and not guess-work.

Heathcote and Kimberley News.

Correspondence of The Advance.

The people of Heathcote are having a lively time over the selection of a teacher for the ensuing year. The contest appears to be between the preacher and teachers on the one hand, and the ratepayers on the other. Evidently their spiritual adviser imagines that he, and he alone, knows just how to meet the requirements of the case. In accordance with this view he proposes importing an outsider, whom rumor has been busy with. The good people of the village think they have had enough of a certain kind of scandol to serve them for the next decade. Taking this very proper view of the case, they propose engaging the services of Mr. Gaudin, who is a young man of unimpeachable character, an excellent scholar and a very successful teacher. However, he is a home man, while the other is a perfect stranger, save for the short time he was in their midst prospecting last summer. It is to be hoped the trustees will soon learn to go alone, and, that our ministers will also learn to spend their valuable time in preparing better sermons, and to leave school business to those to whom it belongs.

Dr. McBride is overhanling his residence and fitting it up for the winter, and now the matrons of the village have their noses pointed skyward. They imagine they cent a wedding in the near future. Who do you think it will be Mrs. O'Flaharty ?

Mr. Fawcett (Ex-dep. Reeve,) is polishing up his armor, and is even now thirsting for Peter's blood. Peter stripes his whiskers, folds his arms, and with the blandest smile imaginable says, "come on old hon, I am ready for the fray."

A rumor reached the village lately to the effect that Trumen Burritt, of Kimberley, was about to take unto himself a spouse. However, interviewing the youthful candidate for matrimonial honors, we discovered that the said rumor had for its foundation nothing more than the appearance of a young girl in the village carrying a white bundle on her back and walking with a crutch in each hand. Did she enquire for Trumen ? Well now, its news you want.

Artemesia Council.

Council met in the Town Hall on Monday last, all the members present. Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. A communication was received from Jane Hogg, asking refund of statute labor. Certificates of filing of voters' and jurors' lists were received from clerk of the peace. Agreement of ratification of financial arrangements between Markdale and Artemesia was also received. The following accounts were ordered to be paid : John McArthur, inspecting culvert at McPherson's, D.R., $2 ; W. H. Thurston, printing, $7.60 ; reeve, Clerk and Assessor, selecting jurors, $4 each ; H. Cairns, letting and inspecting four jobs on Town Line, $3 ; Leonard Betts, repairing bridge, $1.

Moved by Messrs. Sharp and Boland, That the clerk and reeve be instructed to issue trustees' order for school funds if required, as the Council will stand adjourned till Dec. 15, next. Carried.

McArthur — Boland — That the reeve be paid $10 for the plan, letting and inspection of the Boyne bridge, and that Mr. Sharp be paid $2 for his services in connection therewith. Carried.

Boland—Cairns—That the committee appointed to settle matters between Markdale and Artemesia be paid the sum of $4 each ; also that J. McArthur be paid the sum of $2 for inspecting culverts. Carried.

Boland—Sharp—That Thos. Manders receive the sum of $4 per month, for six months, as he is in indigent circumstances. Carried.

Boland—Sharp—That the pathmaster of the village of Flesherton be loaned the sum of $13, to be deducted from statute labor levy for village of 1889. Carried.

Boland—Sharp—That report of committee re corporation of Markdale be adopted, and that said corporation be paid the sum of $128, being their apportionment of the assetts of this corporation. Carried.

The Council then adjourned.

Locals.

Our Reviewer.

The Canadian Horticulturist for November is an exceedingly interesting number. $1 per annum. Published at Grimsby, Ont.

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Worthy of Note !

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M. Richardson & Co have been selling boots and shoes for the past twenty-three years and the young men and women of the present had their first baby boots from this old establishment and now go there for their babies' boots. See !

Died.

At Rodney, on the 30th ult, Mary Leota Hazel Keefer, aged 2 mos. 24 days, only daughter of W. C. Keefer.

VANDUSEN—In Chicago, on Tuesday, Oct. 30, David Edgar only son of C. E. VanDusen, aged one year, 2 months and 10 days.

BORN.

LEGATE—On Friday, Nov 2, the wife of R. P. Legate of a daughter.

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A steamer was sunk by collision off Cowes and 22 persons are supposed to have gone down.

Jacksonville's yellow fever record up to Sunday is : Total cases, 4,277 ; tota deaths, 364.

Seventeen miners were killed in a Pennsylvania coal mine on saturday evening by an exploston.

Another break has occurred in the Cornwall Canal bank and there is little prospect of vessels being able to pass through this fall.

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