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COUNTY AND DISTRICT.

A Half Hour Among Our Exchanges.

The editor of the Meaford Monitor has taken the C. P. R. agency for Meaford.

Meaford Mirror:—A dressed hog sold by Mr. E. Chapel, of St. Vincent, to Mr. D. Smith this week weighed 480 lbs.

Mt. Forest Confederate;—A sad accident occurred on Wednesday the 12th, in Proton. Mr. John Harvey and his hired man was chopping in the bush, when a lodged tree fell on Mr. Harvey and killed him almost instantly. He is an old settler and was a quiet and inoffensive man. He was buried on Friday, the 14th, at Mount Forest Cemetery.

Hanover Post:—On Monday the case of The Singer Sewing Machine Co. vs. Zimmerman was tried before Justice Proctor and dismissed. The defendant, who lives in Neustadt, got a sewing machine from plaintiffs, giving in exchange an old machine, $12 cash and a lien note for some thirty odd dollars. Not being able to meet the demands of the plaintiffs, and the machine not being on the premises, defendant was brought before the J. P. The machine was subsequently procured which the representatives of the company can get by giving up the lien note—a document they have not seen since it was issued nor know anything about. V. Lang defended the case.

Durham Chronicle:—At an early hour last Friday a sensational little episode occured at the corner of Garafraxa and Lampton streets and which attracted quite a crowd of early risers and travellers. The centre of the scene was a young man of about thirty, a middle aged woman, his mother, and her daughter a little girl about 12 or 14 years of age. The trio stood beside a sleigh which was headed toward the station with the object of conveying them there in time for the first train. The little girl wouldn't go, not a bit of it. Her mother coaxed her in vain, and persuasion failing tried force but the child clung desparately to the sleigh box and screamed with a vehemence that left no mistake as to her repugnance, "I won't go, I'll die first." She didn't go nor did she die, but broke away from her mother and running up Lampton street was taken in charge by another of her brothers, who had came into town, as it so happened, with a passenger for the train and was by him taken off to his home where she now is. The key to the situation is this: The woman parted from her husband some years since and moved down country where she is now living. She wants her daughter to live with her, but the child won't, preferring to remain with her father and brothers.

Balsam Valley Items.

From our own Correspondent.

Mr. Alex Nevin is rushing business in the swamp this winter, taking out ties and sawlogs and rails and other things too numerous to mention. He was down below all summer until the cold weather set in, and then like the wild geese he turned his head towards a warmer climate and never stopped until he reached his own cabin in the bush.

Mr Hugh McLean is taking out timber for a barn he is going to build in the spring. That is right, Hughy, build a house next and then bring her home.

Red Sandy had a big wood bee a short time ago and he got a heap of wood cut. The boys worked hard, for they expected a good time at night and they got it too, thanks to Mr. Lathan, fiddler, and L. Frook, caller off.

Mr. W. Blakeston is going on a visit to his brother who lives in Michigan. He is going to make good use of the Christmas holidays. We wish him a pleasant trip and a safe return.

Mrs. Alex Ferguson, of Dakota, is over visiting her many friends here, all of whom were very happy to see her. She gives a glowing account of the far west.

Mr. John and T. Ferguson intend spending the greater part of this winter in the bush, as they have quite a number of jobs of wood at 23 cents per cord, but they dont split nor pile it. They are all right.

Mr. Editor, I suppose you would like to know what locality this batch of items came from, or, in short, where Balsam Valley is. It is about three miles south of Priceville, and half a mile from Muddy Valley. It is not much of a place yet; it is not marked by any magnificent domes or spires, not even a small tombstone, but never mind, it will grow.

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