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EDITORIAL MUSINGS.

What has become of the old Methodist field meeting? Like everything mundane it appears to have passed away never more to return. In this section of country it flourished at one time "like a green bay tree," but it has long since become obsolete. Our recollection carries us back to but one regular old-fashioned Methodist "field meeting." That one was held twenty-five years ago. The building in which it was held was supported by pillars raised by nature's hand. The roof was the vault of heaven, painted by the great hand of Omnipotence. The pulpit was a pile of logs, and light was furnished by torches made from pitch pine knots. At night the scene was impressive. The preacher, declaiming to the multitude, pointing the way to salvation in good old-fashioned method; the audience sitting beneath and around him like spirits of the wood, their forms appearing to dance in the shadows formed by those flaring pine torches, while far above through sighing, sighing tree tops the stars "sang together."

In lulls of pulpit elocution strange and eerie sounds pierced the atmosphere. Frogs sang loudly in the marsh; the owl hooted his dismal notes, and the strange sweet chant of the night bird resounded from no one knew just where. Who could wonder that, with such surroundings, the Bible message seemed to fall with more than usual power in that old cathedral of nature—the forest of God's raising. Then the message seemed to come with clearer meaning, and the preacher's heart was gladdened with responsive hearers. Every individual appeared to be in touch with nature, and when this is the case with man he is not far from God.

But even as the laws of nature are perpetually changing so have church methods changed in this respect, until now we hear no more of the transient open air field meeting. It has given place to the more elaborate Chateaus and international conventions, and probably with justice. Still, we drop a tear to the memory of the old rustic field meeting of many years ago.

The Hon. Alexander McKenzie is now so feeble that when he enters the House he has to be assisted to remove his overcoat. His steps are getting short, and physically his powers are nearly spent, but his mind is still bright and clear, which is evidenced by the keen interest he takes in the debates of the House. His voice, which once, so eloquently proclaimed Liberalism, is gone, and when he attempts to address any observations to the House the silence is painful owing to the eagerness with which both sides listen to catch the words that fall from his lips. He is universally respected in the House especially by his colleagues and the older members who have seen him exercise his wonderful powers in his palmy days. There is but little hope that he will ever again take part in the debates of the House.—[Nation.

Mr. Dryden's dog bill is a beauty, and it is to be hoped that it will become

law without any difficulty. It provides that a dog found worrying or wounding sheep may be killed by any person. More than that; any dog straying on any farm unless muzzled or accompanied by the owner or some one in charge, may be done to death likewise. Still further, the dog which is found molesting or attacking any conveyance on the public highway is liable to meet a like fate. The bill has passed committee and will no doubt go the rest of the way.

Let dogs delight to hunt at night
As doggie nature must,
But as we pass if they show fight
Their doggoned heads we'll bust.
Let dogs indeed good counsels heed—
'Tis legal made to kill—
And death lurks round for every breed
In Mr. Dryden's bill.

There is something nearly akin to a rebellion in Newfoundland. England has trampled upon the rights of Newfoundlanders by trading their fishing privileges away to the French, and public meetings are being called all over the island denouncing the transaction and threatening dire vengeance if matters are not righted. The Islanders are worthy of sympathy and will probably now come into confederation to get it. They will recognize now where the provinces could assist them quite maternally.

The laborious work of our legislators at Toronto was finished on Monday. One hundred and forty-nine acts were the product of this session, a truly good showing if they were of much importance—which many of them are not. The partial abolition of exemptions was the most important act passed.

The Reformers of Haldimand have filed another protest against the election of Dr. Montague. They charge him with personal and every other variety of bribery. Again the sympathetic cry wells up in our gullet—poor Haldimand!

Township Parliament.

Artemesia township fathers met in usual monthly conclave in the Town Hall on Monday last, the Reeve in the chair. Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed.

The following communications and petitions were read: Petition from Thos. H. Taylor and others re remodeling of school section No. 4. From Jos. Watson and others asking for repair of crossway on Durham Road. From Township Treasurer, giving statement of receipts and disbursements for three months, showing a balance on hand of \$1,964.30. Communication from C. W. Rutledge, asking Council to furnish him with minutes of Council for publication.

It was moved by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Boland, that the petition of Thomas Taylor and thirty others regarding remodeling of school sections Nos. 3, 4, 7 and 8 before building new school house in No. 4, be laid on the table, for having looked at the map of the several sections named and carefully noted the positions of the school houses therein, it is believed if the efficiency of the schools be maintained, none of them can afford to lose any territory sufficient to form a new school section, and the angularities of every section named made so by the angularities of the township prevent a remodel, unless others are placed in a position quite as distant and as unsatisfactory as those who have now reason to complain. Carried.

Moved by Mr. McArthur, seconded by Mr. Sharp, that the following appropriations be made: Ward No. 1 \$175, Ward 2 \$150, Ward 3 \$200, Ward 4 \$150, total \$675.

Moved in amendment by Messrs. Boland and Thompson, that there be a grant of \$650 made to repair roads, to be appropriated as follows: Ward No. 1 \$150, No. 2 \$150, No. 3 \$200, No. 4 \$150.

The amendment was declared carried.

Moved by Messrs. Sharp and McArthur, that the petition of Joseph Watson and twelve others be entertained, and that twenty dollars be granted to improve the Durham Road opposite lot 86 at as early a date as possible. Lost.

Bylaws No. 458 and 459 were read a third time, signed, sealed and engrossed on the minutes.

Moved by Mr. Boland, seconded by Mr. McArthur, that J. I. Graham be refunded \$2, it being collected as un-

performed road work, when J. I. Graham produces a certificate that the road work was performed. Carried.

Moved by Mr. McArthur, seconded by Mr. Boland, that the following accounts be paid: W. H. Thurston, printing Treasurer's statement, \$10.40; W. J. Bellamy, quarter salary, \$37.50, also this day's session of council and indigent monthly allowance. Carried.

The Council then adjourned.

Markdale's Latest News.

From our own Correspondent.

Silas Hill, of Toronto, was a guest at Mr. Mathews' on Easter Sunday. The hills will yet be happy when the May bells chime.

Mr. George Ellis, of Barrie, and Miss Delamatre, of Owen Sound, were visitors at R. L. Stephens' this week.

Andrew Hill and wife were up from Orangeville for a few days relishing the Easter preparations at Wm. Douglas's comfortable home.

G. S. Bowes, Esq., is home from the city this week completing arrangements to move to Toronto. He has lately established himself in the real estate and commission business in the Queen City.

Mr. and Mrs. Brooks, of Oshawa, are here for an Easter call on Mrs. B's parents, viz. Mr. and Mrs. John Whitby. They are the happy couple that were made one Xmas day, 1889.

For the first time in some three years there was an exchange of pulpits on Easter Sunday evening between the Methodist and Presbyterian ministers. So far as reported Rev. Mr. Emes preached a genuine Methodist sermon and Rev. Mr. Buggin gave the Presbyterian congregation an address that had the ring of John Knox's prayer.—"Give me Scotland or I die."

Our prospective Minister of Agriculture, according to McMullen's perspicacious expressions in parliamentary debate, was home over Sunday and returned to Ottawa Monday afternoon. He was needed there to stand by the Government on the Cook tariff, as there is a hustle, it seems, on the part of the lumbermen for the aid. rate.

School has not started yet. There is great difficulty in obtaining suitable rooms with proper needed accommodations. The board have asked for the Methodist church basement, but what will be done is hard to determine, as the church trustees will have to meet and grant permission. In the interim the children throng the streets, and are holidaying in earnest.

Mr. and Mrs. Glendinning, our head teachers, are away visiting in Toronto for the past week, and Miss Richardson, our efficient primary teacher, returned home to wait notice of school opening.

We learn from the chairman P. S. B. that they have not been able so far to manage a settlement with the Glasgow & London Insurance Co. for the amount of insurance held by the board on the school buildings.

The English church as usual was very tastily decorated with handsome flowers, etc., on Easter Sunday. We understand that the Rev. J. Graham soon severs his connection here as English church minister, and takes charge of a larger field in the Shelburne section.

Wm. L. Young and James Mercer left on Tuesday with a fine car of stock for Chilliwack and Vancouver, B.C. Mr. Young expects to be home in three weeks. Mr. Mercer goes to B. C. to remain permanently. The outward trip will occupy 11 days at least.

Andrew Beatty has also left for B.C. with his entire horses, purposing to dispose of them there.

W. J. Benson, well known as Irish Comedian, was in Owen Sound Good Friday evening helping at a concert. He won quite a hearty reception by his artistic rendering of the well known comic songs.

We've got 'em bad. Measels are certainly endemic here, and there are rash youngsters in almost every home.

Mr. Myers' family in Euphrasia are afflicted with diphtheria. One child was interred here this week in the English burying grounds. S. P. Q. R.

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In the Francis medal is very handsomely engraved on both sides. On one side is the head of the inventor and the inscription stating the purpose for which the medal is given. On the reverse is a representation of the saving of 360 souls by means of the Francis life-car, from the British ship Ayrshire, which went ashore off the New Jersey coast. The life-car which rendered this valuable service is now numbered among the most interesting relics at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington.—[Scientific American.

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