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Wheat is likely to remain at a good price this winter, reports from the world's harvest estimating that there will be a shortage of at least 50,800,000 hundred weight. This shortage appears to be made up from every wheat growing country excepting Canada and the United States. Canada has an excess this year of 7,000,000 over last years production. Ordinarily, with full yields in other wheat growing countries, prices would no doubt remain at the low ebb of the past few years, but with other countries short on wheat we may look for a steadily maintained price considerably above what it has been for some years. Manitoba had good crops last year and this as well, which gives the farmers of that favored land a veritable Klondike at their doors.

Returning miners form the Klondike continue to endorse the stories of marvelous riches to be found there. There are thousands of square miles in our north country, bleak and barren, uninhabited except by Indians and Hudson Bay agents, which have in the past been considered as totally waste ground. This great country of snow and ice and rocks is likely to prove the veritable Eldorado which the Spaniards of old sought. It will be found to be nature's storehouse of the precious metals, from which inexhaustible supplies may be drawn for the world's consumption. This mineral bearing area is so huge that that imagination can scarcely conceive it, and reaches from the Lake of the Woods to the Arctic sea, and from Labrador to the Pacific coast. It is hedged about by dangers to the venturesome seeker after wealth, and difficulties beset his path, but these things are those which nature has stipulated shall be the lot of him who drags from her bosom the choicest of her gems. And all this great heritage belongs to Canada!

The Globe admits that "the writer who speaks his mind freely on all occasions takes a good deal more satisfaction out of life than his neighbor who is always thinking of the interests of the party." The Globe is right and knows from bitter experience whereof it speaks. One can easily condole with its longing for an untrammeled existence — a freedom similar to that enjoyed by Dan McGillicudy, Hal Donelly, and the editors of the Dundas Banner and Montreal Witness. The situation reminds one of a caged eagle that cannot soar and piroutte and swoop through the unbounded atmosphere, but must stand on one leg and listen to the jeers of tomtits while its feathers droop, its piercing eye grows dim and it assumes a generally dilapidated appearance as it listens to the untrammeled screams of its fellows in the other high above. We pity the Globe, but would advise it to make the attempt to free itself. This might not be so very difficult as is expected, and in any event the attempt would engender tons of respect for the good old lady.

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Reeve of Artemesia for sixteen years

THE TOWNSHIP OF ARTEMESIA

A HISTORY

Together with a few introductory notes on the County of Grey as a whole

BY W. S. CHRISTOE

Artemisia is one of the Townships of the County of Grey.

In examining a Gazeteer of the County of Grey, published in 1855, many points of interest are found. The County of Grey occupies a large space of the northern part of the Peninsula of Upper Canada, and consists of seventeen townships; it boasts the largest inhabited of any county in Upper Canada. In square miles, it is 2821.

In 1833 the only inhabited porton of what is now the County of Grey was the Old Survey of Melancthon, consisting of the eastern five concessions of that township. The Indians had surrendered to the government as far west as the present boundary between St. Vincent and Sydenham. The survey of the newly acquired territory was taken in hand, during 1833, and Collingwood township, then called Alta, and St. Vincent, then called Zero, were surveyed. All the townships, as far west as the line above mentioned, were included in the County of Simcoe. The townships in the western half of the county were, when organized, attached to the County of Wellington.

The Garafraxa road was laid out by Charles Rankin, Esq., in 1837. In the County of Wellington, this road is known as the Owen Sound road. But the breaking out of the rebellion interrupted the surveys until 1840. In that year John McDonald, Esq., laid out a tier of lots on each side of this road, diverging at several points from the original line. In 1848, the Durham road, east and west from Durham, was laid out, with free grant lots for settlement, as was also the "Toronto and Sydenham road" southeast from Chatsworth, diagonally, through the county.

On the organization of Grey into a county, Collingwood and St. Vincent were detached from the County of Simcoe and attached to Grey.

The county buildings were erected, at Sydenham, now Owen Sound, in 1853. Then follows an account of the physical features of the county, of which it is presumed the inhabitants of to day, many of them, are better acquainted. The county is undeniably, he says, both rich and romantic. "It presents a pleasing picture of woods and waters, fertile slopes, mountains and valleys. Its geological formation belongs to the upper Silurian, the Limestone occasionally cropping out to the surface, or presenting cliffs, generally facing the N. E. or S. E., the rock having a backward dip toward Lake Huron. The Niagara Falls, skirting the lake to Hamilton and thence running northward, in the vicinity of Orangevile, comes out on the Georgian Bay, in the County of Grey, rising in altitude all the way, and presents some bold land marks to the mariner."

There are three mountains, so called, in Grey County, visible on the coast line. First the heights in rear of Cape Rich and Vail's Point, at the entrance of Owen Sound; second, the St. Vincent mountain, in rear of Meaford, dividing the valley of the Big Head river from the valley of the Beaver, and Collingwood mountain in the township of that name, dividing the valley of the Beaver from the area drained by the Nottawasaga; the latter ridge, known as the Blue Mountains, attaining the height of 1500 feet above the sea or over 900 feet above the level of the lake. These, with their valleys and water falls, afford some interesting points to the tourist, and are not second to any other county in Upper Canada." Let us now say, Ontario.

Since 1865, however, many have been the changes. This Author then asserted that the wood of the county, being hard wood, there would be no demand for it for shipment. In this he was very much mistaken. Many have been the regrets for the wanton destruction of valuable hardwood forests. It will be remembered that the township of Melancthon now belongs to the County of Dufferin. Towns and villages have multiplied, and in the same proportion the population. The first provisional Council for the County of Grey, was held at the public house, of James Coleman, in Sydenham, now Owen Sound, pursuant to a proclamation from his excellency, the Right Honorable Earl of Elgin and Kincardine on the 15th day of April, A. D. 1852.

Artemisia was organized under a by-law of the old District of Simcoe on the 31st day of August, 1850. She then sent her representatives to Barrie, as did St. Vincent, Collingwood, Euphrasia and Osprey. The Wellington district existed in 1847. Several of the western townships of Grey, as she now exists, were there represented, and likewise in 1849. In 1850 the County of Waterloo was organized, and all of the western townships in Grey were included in Waterloo. In 1857, eight township were so included. In 1852, the united council of Wellington, Waterloo and Grey took place, and Artemisia appears for the first time being now separated from Simcoe. Her Reeve was Chas B. Grey. These united counties existed only one year, and in 1853 Wellington and Grey were united and W. K. Flesher, Esq., was Artemesia's reeve—In 1852, however, there seemed to have been a movement to establish Grey into a separate and independent county, and accordingly a provisional council of Grey was organized as a preliminary step; but not until 1854 did Grey elect her own Warden, in the person of Richard Carney, Esq. The county was established pursuant to a proclamation from his excellency, the Right Honorable the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, on the 15th day of April, A. D. 1852.

The Inspector of schools—Campbell—has published some historical notes of the county, intended to accompany a map by one Smith of Hanover. The map is little more than a reprint of the original plans, as fyled with the government. As to its correctness in locating school houses, postoffices and railways, little can be said in its favor; as to boundary lines, for townships, its lines are sufficiently correct, which, with the Inspector's book, serve to give our schools a fair knowledge of the county.

The County Clerk also has published a concise history of the Council of Grey, imbracing many points of interest. Both gentlemen must have bestowed much time to have collected so much information, and deserve to be honorably mentioned. Having traced Artemisia's existence as a township—with the counties—it will be in place to note some of her individual history.

TO BE CONTINUED

A practical temperance lesson was demonstrated at the last township council meeting when old "Dr." Macpherson applied to that body for assistance. Years ago this man had a full share of this world's goods, among his possessions being the plot on which is located the thriving village of Grand Valley. He is now penniless, and at present is living with his daughter-in-law at Smithdale, who can ill afford to keep him. Whisky was the prime cause of his misfortune.—Creemore Star.

De Barry, of Buffalo, has another scalp at his belt, and by a system of spying that is truly despicable. About June 1st Chas. Wilson, a machinist, who has lived in Owen Sound for the past fifteen years, left his wife and two children here and went to Buffalo, where he got work at the Erie iron works. He sent home money to his wife through the postoffice, on the last occasion two weeks ago. The next morning when he went down to work the foreman called him into the office and said he must dispense with his services. He asked why, and the answer was that he was a Canadian. Wilson is not a hero, and he had a wife and two children depending on his labor, so he denied the charge. De Barry then stated that denial was useless, for he had secured proofs from the postoffice that Wilson had sent money to his wife, and told him the amounts and dates. He was escorted across the bridge at Black Rock with 75 cents in his pocket all told. On the Canadian side he found in the Grand Trunk and Michigan Central yards a very large proportion of Americans working. For the reasons above set forth Mr Wilson, who reached Toronto Monday en route home, dislikes De Barry, of Buffalo, and thinks Canada should have a good stiff alien labor law of her own.—Owen Sound Times.

M. Richardson & Co

Direct Importations from Great Britain, France and Germany

This week we shall open out some large consignments of fall goods imported direct from European manufacturers and comprising some of the newest styles and best values procurable in Dress Goods, Velvets, Laces, Corsets, Coatings, Serges, Gloves, Trimmings, etc., etc. A large and special shipment of Mantles direct from Germany is expected daily and will be placed in stock immediately on arrival.

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