



Markdale Standard.

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SCHOOL MATTERS.

Another week has gone during which school site fever ran high, the pulse and temperature both at times above 100. A public meeting of the rate-payers on Saturday evening, called by the trustees, for the purpose of selecting an arbitrator, was largely attended. The ratepayers refused to either organize or appoint an arbitrator but discussed in an informal manner the whole question until a late hour when they dispersed, no doubt feeling relieved.

A trustee meeting was held on Monday evening the 5th when all the members were present. An advice from the Head of the Educational department was read, which, together with the decision of the County School Inspector, N. W. Campbell, Esq., who was present, threw new light upon the vexed question, and the surprising discovery cleared away the mist, the result being this, that all the proceedings in reference to selecting a site and electing a trustee to fill the vacancy were irregular and illegal, consequently the trustees require to commence again, and have determined not to ask the advice or assistance of the rate-payers in selecting a site but to proceed at once in the use of their vested power, and erect the new school on the site selected at the last trustee meeting, viz: at the head of Elizabeth street near the Methodist church.

Although this was not our choice, neither was it the choice of the majority of the people, yet, had the trustee board taken the legal course from the start, and exercised their powers as they are now doing, it would have saved an untold amount of turmoil which has grown into widespread ill feeling against the board. We trust however that the storm is over and that the proverbial calm will now set in.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

- U. S. Senator Beck is dead.
- The City of Midland was launched on the Owen Sound Shipyard on Saturday.
- Lord Stanley received the degree of L. L. D., at the McGill University, Montreal, last week.
- A snowstorm prevailed in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Dakota Sunday and is looked upon there as an augury of good crops.
- On Tuesday last the Longue Point Lunatic Asylum at Montreal was destroyed by fire. There were 1300 lunatics in the building about 100 of whom perished in the flames. The loss is some \$2,000,000.
- Dr. Gatling, the inventor of the gun that bears his name, has invented a torpedo-boat. It has often been charged that doctors kill more than they cure, but it is not every doctor who deliberately sets out to do it.

LILY OAK.

Mr. Jack Neely lost a fine mare recently.

Mr. William Bradley's team took fright and ran away the other day, one of the horses breaking his leg.

Mr. James Greenaway has moved to the Crawford farm near Berkeley.

Now, James, do not be rash
If you wish to make a mash,
For tho' the boys of Lily Oak
May be envious of the joke.

They may think you have no show
But they better not to crow
For it's evidently your mind
The Rocklyn lass is just the kind.

McGINTY.

Ladies who are troubled with roughness of the skin or cracked, should keep a bottle of Parisian Balm in the house. It is delightfully perfumed and softens, heals and beautifies the skin.

Traverton.
Standard Correspondence.
The farmers around here are pretty well through with their seeding.

Mr. Jim Quillinan has returned from Michigan to his home here.

A farewell supper was tendered to Mr. Thos. Dulan by a number of his friends assembled at the residence of Mr. John Delaney, on Monday evening. A happy and most enjoyable evening was spent. Mr. Dulan left for Toronto on Wednesday, where he intends to reside. During his stay here he has won the respect and esteem of the community, whose best wishes accompany him. His wife and family intend remaining here for a few months longer.

Miss Kate McGrade has taken her departure for Hamilton.

Arbor day has been "kept" around here, in the way of cleaning up yards, setting out trees, etc.

The sacrament of Baptists, according to the rites of the Baptist church, was administered to a number of persons on Sunday afternoon by Rev. Mr. Dunlop. The immersion took place in McLaughlan's creek, and service was held at Mr. John Cameron's.

Mr. M. Cummings has removed his family to Hamilton.

Dundalk.

Standard Correspondence.
The annual meeting of Dundalk Mechanics' Institute was held on Monday evening. It is now an assured success; it commences with a membership of 119, and a library of 235 volumes.

Mr. Blythe, Conservative candidate for this riding, was in town on Tuesday. He expects to be returned as M. P. P. by a respectable majority over his opponent, Mr. Hunter.

Our villagers were surprised on Monday morning to hear, that James Deans, Esq., hardware merchant, had made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors. We have not yet heard what course will be taken.

A new post office is being opened on the 3rd line, Osprey; the name of the office is Hatherton, and the postmaster Mr. E. Silley.

The merchants have decided to close at seven o'clock every evening, except Wednesdays, Saturdays and evenings before public holidays.

Graham & Co. are preparing to build their fine corner store. C. H. Jewell has begun the erection of his new brick dwelling.

Some fine fat cattle were disposed of on fair day.

If your baseball club want a brushing up, Mr. Editor, our boys will no doubt be pleased to give them an opportunity. Mr. A. Ivey is the secretary, and will attend to the matter. They have not yet had their first practice.

PETER.

Walter's Falls.

"Epistolarum Commmercium."
The "Merry Month" comes in with rather disagreeable weather. There is no lack of the "May dew" which an old superstition describes as containing certain properties that will "make you look merry all the year through."

Seeding is progressing favorably in this neighborhood, but there is very little growth as yet.

The aesthetic inclination of our village are already engaging in horticultural pursuits.

Our enterprising mail-carrier of the Meaford route has re-introduced the old-time horn, and favors us with a few "toots" on the departure and arrival Her Majesty's mail.

A taffy-pull was held last week in behalf of the Methodist church, at the house of Mr. Geo. Saunders. Those present report that there was a good sweet time.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. Wm. Rennie, who was married a few weeks ago, has been dangerously ill with inflammation of the lungs following an attack of measles. It is hoped he may soon recover.

If "The child is father of the man" it is evident that in the future Walter's Falls will not be in want "a stern enforcer of the law." One day last week the five-year-old son of our village constable discovered another little fellow about one year his junior helping himself to raisins behind the counter of Bonnell Bros. store and instantly took him in charge, with the expression "Just come along with me Mr. King, I guess I'll have to confine you." Disturbers of the peace had better look out.

The quarterly meeting of the Methodist church in this circuit was held at Bognor on Sabbath last, but owing to the weather the attendance was not as large as usual.

Editor Standard.
DEAR SIR:—Being the victim of a painful accident, which occurred on the 1st inst., I regret that I am confined to my room and shall be unable to enter upon the election campaign at as early a date as my opponent. I am assured however by my medical adviser, that I shall be fit for duty, on or before the 15th inst. I will then hold a series of meetings throughout every township in the riding, for the purpose of giving an account of my stewardship and discussing the vital questions, which divide the two political parties of this Province.

Believing that the platform so clearly and fearlessly defined by Her Majesty's loyal Opposition, through their able and talented leader, V. R. Meredith, Q. C., will receive the hearty endorsement of the independent electors of Centre Grey as well as the majority of the ridings throughout the Province.

I remain,
Yours sincerely,
JOSEPH ROBE.
Clarksburg, Ont., May 6th, 1890.

MARKDALE, May 7th, 1890.

Editor Standard:
SIR,—Kindly allow space for the following explanation to the ratepayers S. S. No. 1, Markdale, from their representative board of Trustees. We desire to express our regret that, complications and divisions have arisen through our irregular proceedings, in regard to selection of new school site. The trouble has entirely emanated from an incomplete understanding of the strict legal rights the P. S. B. possessed as conferred upon them by the public school act. We have put the people to considerable trouble and some slight expense, which, on full investigation, has revealed the fact that, irregularity has marked the convening and organization of the public meetings called to arrange for site and election of trustee. We should have come before the people with a selection of our own, and then regularly asked their endorsement or refusal of the same. Again our posters should have been definite on the point, viz., that the meeting was called for the "selection" of a new school site. Having called a meeting to "consider" school site, and to have some faithful expressions from the ratepayers to strengthen any and all proceedings we might take, we had the whole matter entirely taken out of our hands by that meeting, and through certain motions carried there, our rights, powers and privileges were not only completely ignored, but were in an expert manner withdrawn apparently from us so distinctly by the wording of the motions as to nullify any voice one might be properly entitled to have in the matter. We own up to being beaten so far as majorities go, and also admit that in some ways we were out-generalized by the superior tactical abilities of those opposed to the unofficial expression of favor we gave to the site situated on the hill. From three sources we are advised that no site has been legally selected. The education department say so by the school act. The inspector gives us to understand, that the ballot could not be used. The legal fraternity from two sources hold the same opinion. The board have no desire for any trouble, and will seek in every way, without stultifying their honest views, to avoid all pressure towards litigation. We ask the ratepayers willing concurrence in our future efforts to furnish adequate school accommodation for the section at the very earliest period possible, and if they will grant this without further worry or recriminations, we will endeavor to have our school in finished shape at a very early period. Forbearance and pacific actions should mark every movement of board and ratepayers from now until the day the Minister of Education pronounces our school open for educational purposes.

On behalf of the P. S. B.
W. A. BROWN,
Sec.-Treas.

Euphrasia Spring Show.
The Spring Show of the Euphrasia Agricultural Society was held at Rocklyn on Friday, April 25. There was a good attendance. The horses were fully equal in quality to those shown last year. They were nearly all of pure bred stock and made a splendid display in the ring, "Forest Monarch," the young horse shown by Messrs. Miller and Ferguson, was much admired, many saying he had the best points of the pure-bred Clydesdale on the ground. The following is the prize list:

- STALLIONS.**
Imported Draught—1st, W. R. Longhead, "Knight of the Realm"; 2nd, S. Gilmor, "Oak Branch."
General Purpose—1st, Wm. Fawcett, "Lord Lansdown."
Carriage—1st, Joseph Manarey, "Gold Leaf"; 2nd, Sinclair & McMurchy, "Ned Jefferson."
Blood—1st, Thos. McCarroll, "Lexington"; 2nd, Haines Bros., "St. James."
Roadster—1st, Jas. Henry, "General Boston."
Percheron—1st, John Bath, "Rough Boy."

- BULLS.**
Pedigree Bull, Aged—1st, James Robertson.
2 years or under with Pedigree—1st, John Eaton; 2nd, S. Gilmour.

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